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GMS celebrates spirit week

Photos by Dan Sanderson

The staff and students at the Grayling Middle School (GMS) capped off their Spirit Week on Thursday, prior to the start of spring break, with an assembly held in the gymnasium. Spirit Week is the culmination of a number of school activities, aimed at raising funds for the school's media center and technology needs, which include an activity night and a can drive. The students raised over \$3,500, which also included a \$1,500 donation from the Modern Woodmen. Top, seventh graders Katherine Meyers, Katie Vrandenburg and Courtney Cross attended the assembly sporting painted faces and their school colors. Bottom left, GMS Principal Jeff Branch took a pie in the eye at the assembly. Bottom right, eighth grader Aaron Kiessel participated in the chocolate eating contest.



Officials plan to show support for theme park

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling area officials are planning to attend the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting next week to support the sale of land for the \$161 million theme park proposed to be built south of Grayling.

But as of Tuesday, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials said they have yet to receive a memorandum to put the sale of the 1,800 acres for the Mainstreet America, Inc. theme park on its Thursday, April 10, agenda.

DNR staff typically finalize agendas for the NRC meeting a month in advance.

Patrick Crosson, project manager for Axiom Entertainment, has proposed to build the \$161 million Mainstreet America, Inc. theme park on 1,800 acres of land, located east of I-75 and north of Four Mile Road.

DNR officials have been waiting for the last several months for developers to submit financial documents and other information about the project before the sale of land is considered.
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Archery revived at Hanson Hills

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) and Northwood's Archery Club have teamed up to help adult and youth archers hit their target.

The archery building at Hanson Hills, which has not been used in recent years, was reopened for open shooting on Sunday, March 30.

The Northwood's Archery Club will host a variety of programs, including youth programs twice a year, adult leagues and youth leagues.

"Archery has always been a part of Grayling and deservedly so - and it needs to be part of the community again," said Norm Wood, a member of the Northwood's Archery Club.

Open shooting will be available Tuesday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Open shooting will be open on Saturday, for kids only, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for adults from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be adult leagues starting on Sunday, April 5.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

The archery building at Hanson Hills, which has not been used in recent years, was reopened for open shooting on Sunday, March 30. Above, Jason Thayer, a member of the Northwood's Archery Club, takes aim at a target.

Funds sought for fire department substation

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Charter Township officials are applying for federal funds to build a fire department substation, but officials say it has more to do with planning for the future than with the legal battle being waged with the City of Grayling over fire department operations.

Planners from the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), a nonprofit agency which provides planning and grant writing services to municipalities in an eight-county region, recently issued a notice to apply for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development funds for the township to build a substation.

The township is seeking \$700,000 in federal funds to build the fire department substation and equip the facility with two fire trucks.

Last year, the township purchased property located off of East M-72, near Staley Lake Road, to build the substation.

Terry Wright, the Grayling Charter Township supervisor, said officials are following up on those plans in seeking the federal funds, and insists the planned

construction has little to do with the lawsuit filed against the City of Grayling over current fire department operations.

"This is an enhancement of our current fire services, and has nothing to do with the fire department dispute the township has with the city right now," Wright said.

In January, the township board authorized the lawsuit against the City of Grayling. Township officials are seeking the return of a committee of township and city officials to oversee the operations of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

The lawsuit was prompted after failed negotiations to renew a mutual operating agreement between the city and the township, which expired in June 2007.

The Grayling City Council has proposed that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department be considered as a department of the city, and should be administered by Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

Township officials have balked at the proposal, seeking to have a committee of city and
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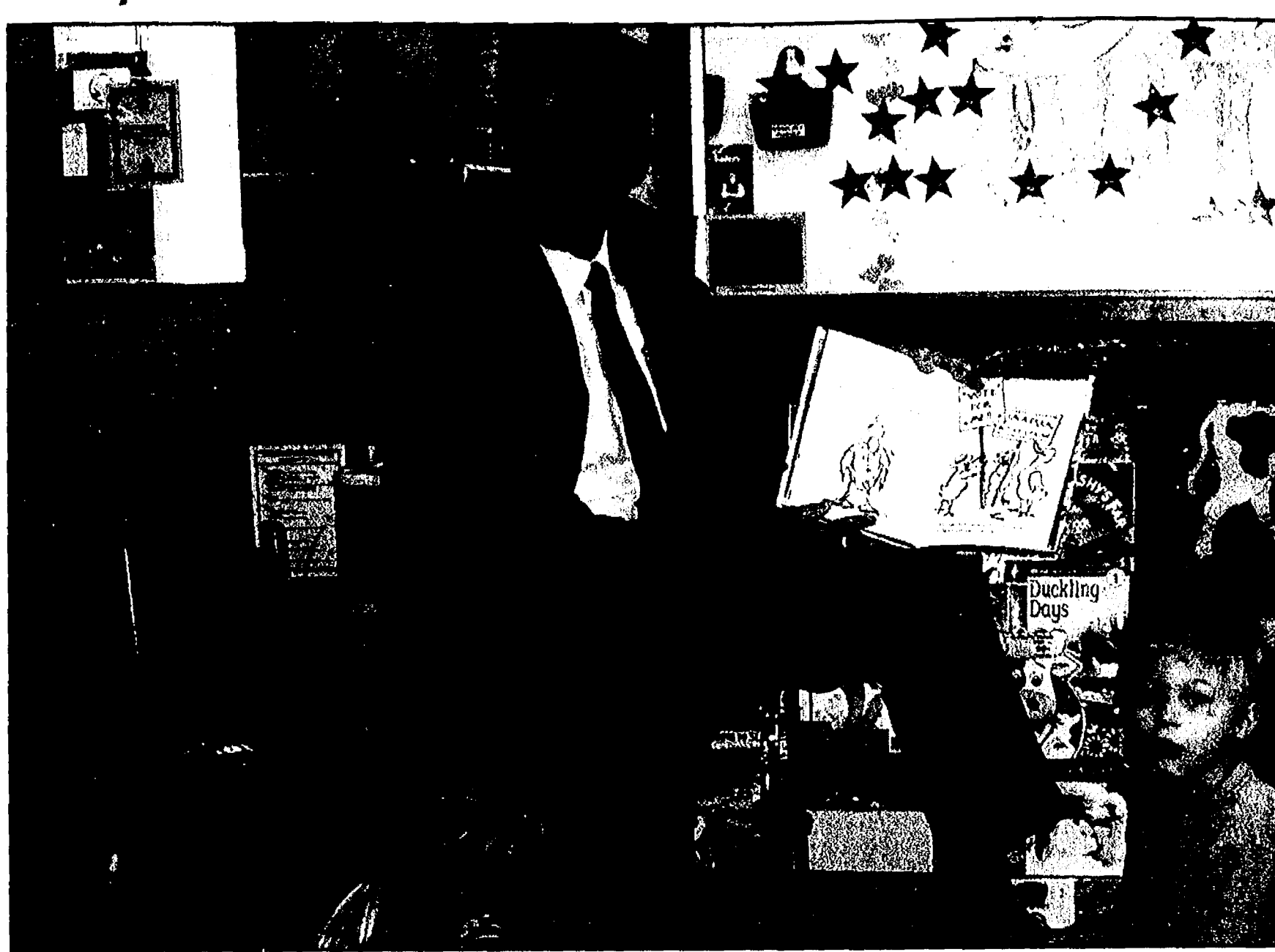


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Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, above, read the book "Duck for President" to children at the Grayling Head Start program last week. Stupak was in Grayling to speak at a regional manufacturer's forum, sponsored by the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, and took the opportunity to visit the students before attending the forum.

Funds sought for fire department substation

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township officials administer the operations of the fire department. Township officials claim that they have had an agreement

to operate the fire department with the city for 61 years.

The operating agreement, that expired between the city and the township, required the township to pay 70 percent of the operating costs for the fire department and the city to pay 30 percent of the expenses. The proposed agreement, which officials are still abiding under, calls for the township to pay 60 percent in operating costs and the city to pay 40 percent of the expenses.

Since the City of Grayling was incorporated in 1935, it has sponsored a volunteer fire department under the city manager's direction.

The city formally created a fire department in 1947, under the direction of the city manager, and provided fire services county wide.

In 1973, the city declared that it could no longer provide fire services county wide. Grayling Township agreed to contract with the city for services. The rest of the townships started their own fire departments.

The first legal mutual operating agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township was approved in 1974, according to city officials in response to the lawsuit.

If an agreement can't be reached, the township is seeking to divide the equipment used by the fire department with the city, as well as be compensated for the township's interest in the fire hall located next to Grayling City Hall.

Both Thayer and Wright serve on a board that oversees NEMCOG operations, so city officials are aware of the township's plans for the fire department substation.

"It's something that they're doing independently, with no discussion with us, and I don't know where it's going," Thayer said.

Wright said that the township board wants the substation to serve residents and businesses in the outlying portion of the township, located east of the city.

"We need that substation, regardless of what happens with the lawsuit," Wright said.

In March, 46th Circuit Judge Janet M. Allen ordered City of Grayling officials and Grayling Charter Township to attempt to mediate the dispute over the jointly run fire department.

Allen ordered the mediation hearing to be held within 90 days, while attorneys are preparing their cases for trial.

Township officials previously suggested Dr. Lynn Harvey, a retired expert in governmental policies from the Michigan State University Extension Service, facilitate a mediation hearing between the two entities before they filed the lawsuit.

City officials opted not to take part in that offer to resolve the dispute.

Wright said that township officials are fully prepared to find a middle ground in the dispute that will be suitable for both communities.

"That's always been our position," he said.

South Branch man dies from self-inflicted chain saw wound

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 41-year-old South Branch Township man took his own life last week by cutting his head with a chain saw after police said he unsuccessfully tried to reconcile an estranged marriage with his ex-wife.

Steve Gregory Walther died at Mercy Hospital Grayling on Wednesday, March 26, after being transported there in an ambulance for a fatal head injury.

Crawford County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a home in the Indian Glens of the AuSable subdivision in South Branch Township, at 12:25 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, for a domestic assault in progress.

The woman in the home called the police when Walther, who she was granted a divorce from on March 17, came to retrieve some of the personal property he was awarded in the divorce agreement. 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen

signed a judgement of default for the divorce, which means that Walther did not answer or contest the court filings made by his wife, according to Crawford County Circuit Court records.

After talking to his ex-wife about reconciling their relationship, Walther became upset and threatened to hurt her and himself with a knife he had taken from a drawer, police said.

The woman called 911, then fled the home with her dog, seeking help from a neighbor.

Sgt. Randy Baerlocher, from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, was patrolling in the area and arrived at the home at 12:37 p.m.

When he arrived, Baerlocher found Walther collapsed in the driveway with a self-inflicted wound to the head. Baerlocher said that Walther retrieved a chain saw from a shed and cut himself in the head. He was still alive and responded to Baerlocher's questions.

Ambulances from South

Branch Township Fire Department and Mobile Medical Response treated Walther at the scene. A NorthFlight helicopter from Traverse City was requested to respond to the scene. The helicopter arrived at a landing site created at Scott's Wood Products, located at the intersection of West Federal Highway and Billman Road. But, after evaluating Walther and discovering that his condition was deteriorating quickly, emergency personnel transported him by ambulance to Mercy Hospital Grayling. He died a short time after arriving at the hospital.

Walther used to live in Cass City, but has resided in Crawford County for the last 10 years, Baerlocher said.

Baerlocher said that Walther had a history of domestic assault and mental health issues.

"If the woman had not left the home, in my opinion, she could have been the victim of a homicide," Baerlocher said.

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Students complete DARE classes



Fifth grade students at the Grayling Elementary School recently attended their DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation after completing the classes taught by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Shawn Schnoor. Above, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield shakes the hand of fifth grader Alexia Cotton, during the graduation ceremony, as Schnoor looks on.

Resolution reached over propane pricing

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Parties involved in litigation over local propane prices have finally agreed to a resolution.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox announced, last week, that he reached an agreement with Inergy Propane, LLC, which resolves claims of excessive pricing of propane.

Last month, Cox filed a notice of intended action against Inergy for allegations of price gouging after receiving complaints from consumers. Consumers complained of being charged as much as \$4.39 a gallon for propane.

The state's top law enforcement official took the action after Connecticut attorney Lawrence Friedman, who owns a home in Frederic, filed a class-action lawsuit against Inergy Propane of Kansas, Mo., and the companies it owns in Michigan, in February. Friedman is a customer of Gaylord Gas, a company owned by Inergy Propane.

After hearing two days of testimony, 46th Circuit Court Judge Janet Allen ruled that Inergy Propane has violated the Michigan Consumer Protection Act.

Allen ordered Gaylord Gas to reimburse its customers for overpriced propane this winter and issued a temporary restraining order to prevent the company from collecting fees or continuing to overcharge customers.

Friedman filed the lawsuit after he was charged \$3.49 a gallon for propane. He later learned that the average price for propane, during the same period when the gas was delivered, was \$2.45 according to Michigan Public Service Commission

reports, and \$2.41 per gallon from U.S. Department of Energy Records.

Inergy has agreed to provide partial refunds or credits to eligible residential customers who had not entered into a fixed-price contract for propane with Inergy between November 1, 2007, and February 29, 2008. Inergy will also waive some of its customary fees for these customers.

In addition, Inergy will offer capped or fixed-price contract options to all of its residential non-contract customers for the time period of June 2008 through May 2009. Inergy indicates these contracts will be offered for less than \$3 per gallon. The sign-up charge for these fixed contracts will also be waived.

"I am pleased Inergy Propane worked with my office in order to resolve this matter quickly," Cox said. "Today's resolution will allow consumers an opportunity for refunds and an opportunity to work with Inergy Propane to secure propane at a locked-in lower price."

Inergy Michigan President Jim Cross praised Cox for standing up for consumers, and reaffirmed that the agreement shows that their company's prices are fair, consistent with the market and standard for the industry.

"Even though propane prices in Michigan and nationwide are near or at their highest levels in history, the fact is most of our Michigan customers are paying below market rates for propane," Cross said. "This agreement with the attorney general supports the fact that our prices are not excessive, are consistent with the industry and are fair given the record propane prices we are

experiencing nationwide."

Cross said that residential propane prices are about 60 percent higher than a year ago at this time. Propane is a by product of crude oil and natural gas and both products are at all-time record highs.

"Customers who do not have price insurance contracts are not happy because propane prices are at their highest levels ever," Cross said.

"We're not happy either, because we also are paying record high prices to buy the propane we are supplying to our customers. No one is happy about it, but that's not price gouging."

The case was heard in Crawford County Circuit Court since Friedman filed the action against Gaylord Gas in Grayling.

Inergy has a number of retail facilities in Michigan which operate under regional brand names, including Blue Flame Gas, DeCock Bottled Gas, Lagasco Propane, McBride Oil & Propane, Northwest Energy, Pearl Gas, Petoskey Propane, Progas Propane and Quality Propane.

The class action lawsuit was transferred to U.S. District Court, before it was dismissed after the resolution was reached last week.

Friedman said he gained a better understanding of propane pricing after meeting with company officials.

"I've met with Inergy and understand the price of propane is dictated by a volatile market. Inergy reacted to that market," Friedman said. "I appreciate the cooperation I received from the attorney general and the staff of Inergy Propane in resolving this issue."

Friedman, however, stressed that customers must choose within 30 days to take part in offers from Inergy Propane, or switch to another propane distributor, to avoid paying gas and tank removal fees and fluctuating gas prices.

"This settlement removes the trap where the customers won't have to pay a fee or all of the fees," Friedman said.

Cross said the company will do a better job of making sure customers understand the various options available for purchasing propane.

"Once a customer chooses a payment plan, we need to make sure they understand all of the benefits as well as the risks and responsibilities," he said.

Inergy's Michigan distributors will mail the rebate, credit and special pricing offers to eligible residential customers without price insurance contracts.

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Nottingham Drive garage destroyed

A fire, which remains under investigation, destroyed a garage located at the corner of Old Dam Road and Nottingham Drive on Sunday.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department was dispatched to the fire, located at 6627 Nottingham Drive, at 1:47 p.m. on Sunday.

The home is owned by Donna and Larry Carpenter. Their son, Rick Carpenter, also lives in the home.

Larry Carpenter had just come into the home and was preparing a meal when he heard a popping sound, noticed the fire, called 911 and got the family out of the house, said Grayling City/Township Fire Department Chief Russ Strohpaul.

The fire started in the garage, which was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Dean Goss, a former Grayling City/Township firefighter, told Strohpaul that he heard an explosion when he arrived at the scene.

Strohpaul said that tires on a van parked in the garage likely popped when they were melted by the fire, and no other explosions occurred while firefighters were on the scene.

Firefighters were able to stop the fire at the wall of the garage attached to the family home, which sustained smoke damage.

The roof of the garage, which was a total loss, had collapsed. The van was also destroyed in

the blaze. The garage was insured, Strohpaul said.

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ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Does anyone play by the rules any more?

Is it just me, or am I the only one who plays by the rules any more?

Yes, I'm referring to the Michigan Democratic Presidential Primary fiasco.

I thought it was all laid out pretty clearly. So did the Democratic National Committee. It told Michigan - in no uncertain terms - that if Michigan were to move its primary election ahead of the DNC's selected four annual first primaries - Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina - Michigan would lose its delegates at the Democratic National Convention, set for August in Denver.

Pretty clear. Like three strikes and you're out. Like 10 yards for a first down. Like most points wins the basketball game, fewest strokes wins the golf match.

But the Michigan Dems decided they didn't need to adhere to those rules. The primary got scheduled and, in an attempt to

have more of an impact on who will be our next President, Michigan jumped ahead of Nevada and South Carolina.

I can see the logic: Why should 400 people in Montpelier, New Hampshire, be responsible for helping to eliminate some of the "good" presidential candidates before people in states like Michigan even get a chance to vote?

And Michigan Republicans were not blameless in this mess. Both primaries were moved to mid-January, in hopes of giving our state more clout. But the national GOP did not put any restrictions on what candidates could do in our state. There was no delegate threat.

Several of the Democratic candidates withdrew their names from the Michigan ballot, abiding by the party wishes (Sen. Obama). Some did not (Sen. Clinton).

Voters had to declare parties to vote in the January primary, voter lists that are still available only to the parties (an issue that remains under litigation today). And as in all primary elections, there remains an element of hijinks that occurs, with crossover voting done to sink the other team's star player. (Remember Gov. George Wallace?)

So the primary came and went. Voters voted, some candidates campaigned. The votes were counted.

And the Michigan Democrat delegates were rendered useless.

But wait! It's not over. The Dems want four outs. They need eight yards for a first down. They didn't have the lowest golf score, but that last hole shouldn't count. How about a big, fat Mulligan?

It seemed pretty clear to me. Move the primary, lose the delegates. It seemed clear to many others, too.

Yet we continue to have plans

and counter-plans on how to get that primary Mulligan, the big, fat do-over. And more importantly, those delegates need to be seated in Denver and vote for...someone. Those backing Sen. Clinton want the delegates to be seated. After all, she campaigned in Michigan - against the wishes of her party. She won the most votes here, so she should get all the delegates.

Backers of Sen. Obama say just split the delegates. He will take his half and call it good. After all, he didn't campaign in Michigan - abiding by the wishes of his party - and he didn't win here. His name was not on the ballot.

Most of the do-over plans have been squelched. There are too many loose ends to tie up. Who should pay? Who could vote?

I tend to agree with former Gov. James Blanchard. He is a Sen. Clinton supporter, a co-chair of her Michigan campaign. This

weekend he opined that Michigan looked foolish with all this haggling, and that this delegate bickering is going to cost his party the presidential election in November.

My question would be why? Why are we even talking about this? What's done is done. As my mother says: "You made your bed, now lay in it."

Talk about having more impact on the presidential election process. The Michigan Democratic party might just be deciding that Sen. John McCain will be our next president.

HOMEWORK - For those of you doing your Almanack homework, here is your answer. Last week's question asked readers to name the 10 announced Republican candidates for president - meaning those who were assigned microphones in the first presidential "debates" - when the political season began.

On May 3, 2007, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, those with microphones were: Arizona Senator John McCain, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Texas Representative Ron Paul, Colorado Representative Tom Tancredo, Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, California Representative Duncan Hunter, former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson and former Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore.

And FYI, Fred Thompson had not yet declared. Alan Keyes was absent.

Now you know.

Dirk Milliman pens this week's Almanack. He is filling in for his father, Richard, who is in a warmer climate.

EDITOR

Don't panic

To the editor:

This weekend, our daughter and son-in-law from Ohio were visiting with their two sons and their exchange student from Slavakia. Easter Saturday was a beautiful day, and we decided to all go to the sugar demonstration at Hartwick Pines.

I suggested that the exchange student sign the guest book. He then took a picture of his name in the book. The book only had a place for a person's name, state, and or country ... no details.

As we were touring the building and looking at the displays, a group of women, along with a DNR employee, came up to our family, accusing us of taking a picture. One of the other women was screaming that she was a witness, and pointing to the exchange student (he's 17), saying "she saw him do it."

The employee came up to him and began ordering him to delete the picture. We all said, "wait" he's a "Slavkian exchange student." At that point, the employee turned her back to the young man, and began speaking to us of the dangers of people taking pictures of such things, and how careful we need to be now.

When we left the display area, we noticed that the guest book had been removed.

There are no signs stating "no pictures allowed."

The young man does understand English and was embarrassed by the employee turning her back on him to speak to us.

Removing the book was really pointless, it only asked for a name, state or country. (I noticed the Avalanche has a place to find anyone who lives in Crawford County.)

The young man said he'd never felt so unwelcome in a welcome center before.

There were two other men's names (no women) in the book with USA after their names.

He doesn't have a middle name, and our son-in-law has teasingly suggested "Don't" for a middle name, as his last name is pronounced panic. That way he would be "Don(t) Panic." That is what he took the photo of ... so perhaps we should all remember "Don't Panic."

Or perhaps all of the involved witnesses, and the DNR employee, should be ashamed of the manner in which this was handled ... perhaps a gentle explanation to the young man and our family would have been more acceptable.

All of us were embarrassed and ashamed of the way this was handled. Hartwick Pines State Park employees ... you should be too.

Donna Thoma
Roscommon

VIEWPOINT

By Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff

Avoid thawing lakes and rivers

Stay safe as the spring thaws start to melt the ice on our lakes and rivers. Ice must be five inches thick to hold the weight of a person and eight inches thick for snowmobiles and off-road vehicles. With temperatures fluctuating wildly, ice that was safe yesterday may be dangerous today.

If you find yourself on thin ice remembering the following tips

could save your life.

If you hear the ice crack, have your group spread out. Everyone should immediately lie down to distribute the weight on the ice more evenly, and then crawl on their bellies to safer ice.

If someone falls through the ice, do not run to the hole. Call 911 and then use a pole, branch, rope or other long object to try and reach the victim.

If you fall through the ice, stay calm. Call out for help and kick your feet while getting hands and arms up onto safer ice. Ice picks or screwdrivers can help you get a grip on the ice. Continue to swim up onto the ice until you can crawl or roll out onto the ice safely.

Pets that go out on ice are a major cause for many near-drownings and deaths. If your pet

has wandered onto dangerous ice, do not follow them. Stay where you are and coax them back to safety.

The biggest danger is hypothermia. If you fall through the ice and manage to climb out, you need to seek medical assistance quickly. Wet clothing should be replaced immediately with warm and dry blankets, towels or clothes.

Historically Speaking



The Lovells Township Historical Society will open its history of trout fishing exhibit, in the log museum, during the sixth annual trout opener in Lovells on Saturday, April 26. This year's exhibit will focus on the life and times of Thomas E. Douglas, who built several businesses in Lovells including the lumber mill (above). The mill suffered two fires, but each time he rebuilt it bigger and better. Douglas provided work for hundreds of men in the area.

Submitted by The Lovells Township Historical Society

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

How many regular season games (out of 162) will the Detroit Tigers win this year?

0-60	61-80	81-100	101+
4 votes	3 votes	24 votes	15 votes
9%	7%	52%	33%

This week's online poll question: **Which Final Four team will win the 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament?**

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BRIEFS

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling. Patricia Osbourn from the Otsego Conservation District Office will present "Think of Gardening as a Habitat." Learn how to create your own backyard wildlife habitat. Public is welcome. For more information, call Florence Hough at 348-8519.

Organ transplant support group to meet

The next Organ Transplant Support Group meeting will be held on April 10, at 6 p.m., in the conference room in the Professional Medical Building located just behind Otsego Memorial Hospital, Gaylord. This meeting is for all interested parties. For directions or for additional information, contact Bev at 989-983-4188, or e-mail at bevo@core.com.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. All are welcome.

Hospice to offer ongoing support group

Hospice of Michigan will offer a free, ongoing grief support group for those who have lost a friend or loved one. The group will meet on the first and third Monday of each month, from noon - 1:30 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 W. M-72.

COA to go to Tulip Festival in Holland

The Commission On Aging, 308 Lawndale, will take a trip Tuesday, May 6, to the Tulip Time Festival in Holland. They will visit the Evergreen Commons Senior Center, have lunch and view the show, *On Broadway*. Then, they will head to the Dutch Marketplace for Dutch arts and crafts, traditional Dutch food and more. Also, catch a performance by the Klompen Dancers and a Dutch style show. The bus will leave the senior center at 7 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost is \$35, which includes your lunch and show ticket. Reservations are required, call Andrea at 348-7123.

Kalkaska Eagles to hold breakfast buffet

The Kalkaska Eagles, M-72 West (at the old Ernie's Flea Market), will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Animal Shelter Board schedules meeting

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter's Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, April 16, at 3:30 p.m. at the new shelter facility located at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, 5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling. Discussion will include fund-raising and other activities. Members and the public are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Sec./Treas. Cheryl Ruley at 348-1429.

VFW to hold meeting

The VFW Post 3736, and the ladies auxiliary, will hold their next meeting on April 8, at 7 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 will be held at 3:30 p.m., on April 9, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Election of officers will be held.

Christian artist to perform in Grayling

The Burning Bush Tabernacle is hosting a concert with a contemporary Christian recording artist on Monday.

Jeremy Horn will perform at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 7, at the Ramada Inn of Grayling, located at 2650 S. I-75 Business Loop.

Horn is a contemporary Christian recording artist from Memphis. His sounds are for listeners of all ages. His recent hit, entitled "First Love", can be heard on Christian radio stations all over. You can listen to his music at www.jeremyhornmusic.com, and even download it,

He has all his lyrics and the reasons he wrote each song on his web site as well, which is most interesting to read about.

Horn will be available after the concert to sign autographs and talk with his fans and he will have a merchandise table set up where fans can obtain his most recent project, "Atmosphere."

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

For more information, contact Kim Millikin at 348-2921 or by email at kim.millikin@graylingchamber.com.

GPA Pictionary Olympics to be held

The Grayling Eagles Club will be filled to capacity with teams and spectators for the 21st annual Pictionary Olympics, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association, on Friday, April 18.

Teams from area businesses, service clubs and citizens will be competing for the first place trophy.

In 2007, one of the Grayling Rotary teams won the event, followed closely by the second place Scott McNamara team and J. Dap team finishing third place.

There is heavy competition

between the returning teams and trophies have been known to get stolen in fun and returned the next year.

Teams of four will play against a timer, hoping to guess the word in the quickest time.

Admission is \$2 for non-team members. Food and a cash bar will be available.

All proceeds from this event go towards the many projects that the Grayling Promotional Association sponsors, as well as their numerous donations to charitable organizations in our area.

Free boating safety class offered

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer a free Boating Safety Class.

This one-day class is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at the Roscommon High School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn the basics of boater safety and learn Michigan and federal boating regulations.

Students who successfully

complete this course will be awarded a Michigan Boating Safety Certificate. Registration is required by Friday, April 11.

You can register by calling (989) 821-7224 or (989) 821-8433, or by e-mailing your interest in the class with your name, address and phone number to chuckandag@charter.net or wayne@shepluce.com.

Mercy Hospice to host Hospice Foundation of America's teleconference

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite and webcast, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. The program provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals, including doctors, nurses, funeral directors, psychologists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors, to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

This year HFA's 15th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Children and Adolescents." The teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that all hospice professionals, educators, counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors and clergy can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief. Moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special Correspondent with

CNN, the program will be broadcast Wednesday, April 16, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, in the Riverside Room at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Sesno will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv from The College of New Rochelle; Nancy Hogan, PhD, RN, FAAN from Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing; Rita Milburn-Dobson, MA, RNC, FT from Precious Gems Supportive Services; Laura E. Olague, MEd, CT from Children's Grief Center; Stacy F. Orloff, EdD, LCSW from the Hospice of Florida Suncoast; and J. William Worden, PhD, ABPP from Harvard Childhood Bereavement Study.

This distinguished panel of ethicists, educators and hospice experts will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that all hospice professionals, educators, counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors and clergy can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief.

For more information or to register to attend, call Mary Beth Brady, Mercy Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at 344-4410. This is a free presentation.

Free cancer screenings for Crawford and Roscommon County residents

The American Cancer Society, District Health Department #10 and Mercy Hospital Grayling are sponsoring a free cancer screening for Crawford and Roscommon County residents, ages 35-64, who are uninsured or under-insured. Screenings will be provided by Mercy Family Care of Grayling on April 17. Appointments are necessary, so call for your appointment today. Limited space is available.

Many cancers are preventable and treatable if detected early. There may be no real symptoms in the early stages of some types of cancer. This is why it is so important to have regular cancer screenings.

The American Cancer Society, District Health Department #10 and Mercy Hospital Grayling are

dedicated to educating the community about cancer and are encouraging men and women to register for this free cancer screening. Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting District Health Department #10 at 989-348-7800, extension 8999. Services offered during the screening include colorectal screening, clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with pap test, and mammogram as needed for women. Men's screening includes colorectal screening, digital rectal exam, PSA blood test as needed and cancer health education.

For more information about cancer or this collaborative group, contact Sandy Grushesky at the American Cancer Society (231) 947-0860.

LIBRARY NEWS

National Library Week is April 13 through 19 and to celebrate all Crawford County Libraries are holding amnesty week. Any overdue book, audio tape, movie, etc., returned during this time will have overdue fines waived up to \$5 total. This is a great opportunity for you to do your spring cleaning and return those missing books and tapes that fell behind the couch or under your bed.

To help celebrate National Library Week, the Frederic Community Library is holding a "Love Your Library" program on Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m. Call Connie Meyer to sign up for stories, snacks and a craft at 989-348-4067.

Frederic Community Library is starting its own CCLL Book Club that will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. They are currently looking for interested adults to join them on May 6, at 5 p.m., to discuss "Raven Black" by Ann Cleaves. Contact Connie Meyers at 989-348-4067.

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The Bible Speaks

American Roots

While on vacation I had the time and privilege to read an American Vision reprint of the 140-year-old, 1060 page book entitled, "The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States," written by Benjamin F. Morris. My evaluation of the book concurs with Byron Sunderland's 1863 introduction: "No analysis of the book is here required. It will speak for itself in thunder-tones. As the common manual of the people, it should be in the hands of every individual in all our borders, and, if diligently perused and faithfully improved, who can tell but, under the blessing of God, it may become the morning star of the mightiest day of national regeneration the world has yet beheld." Leaders of the ACLU could be having heart attacks at the possibility of Americans learning the truth after decades of systematic historical revisionism to remove God, the Bible, and Christianity from American public life.

For those who like to read the ending of a book before they decide to read it, we quote the last paragraph: "This volume, which traces to the Christian religion the life, character, genius, fruits, and fame of the civil institutions of the United States, closes

while these songs of thanksgiving and praise are echoing through the land. The historic and Christian facts of the volume are full of sublime significance and instruction to all classes of American citizens, and reaffirm the prophetic voice, the declaration of one of the purest patriots and most accomplished statesmen of the republic, 'THAT THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY GENUINE MORAL CONSTITUTION OF SOCIETY, AND ITS PRINCIPLES THE ONLY SAFE FOUNDATION OF ALL CIVIL AND POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT.'"

Facts from the first civil government instituted by the Pilgrims in The Charter of the Mayflower Compact, the Colonial Charters, the Declaration of Independence, the State Constitutions, the U.S. Constitution, including hundreds of proclamations, letters, and speeches of our founding leaders including governors and presidents recorded in this book give overwhelming evidence that God, the Bible, and Christianity are the foundation upon which this country was originally founded.

So, then as now the enemies of this nation must undermine the moral roots of our nation to have any hope of destroying it. This

evil was stated 140 years ago: "Of what avail, then, is it for the enemies of a spiritual religion to attempt to delude us with the vain pretense that the true progress of mankind implies the rejection of the Bible as the divinely inspired word of God, and the denial of its authority in the affairs of men, and that in the onward march of civilization the dogmas of the Christian Church have become obsolete - that the human mind has outgrown its restrictions, and can no longer be controlled by its discipline or instructed by its counsels?" They warned back then about: "...the scoffing infidelity and the specious skepticism of our times, the nation with all its treasure has already been brought to the verge of destruction...They are likewise the malignant and felonious torch-bearers of infidelity, setting the temple of our American greatness on fire, giving our heritage to the flames, and lighting a mighty people into the abyss of self-destruction." Awake! Christian citizens of America, stand boldly for Jesus Christ! Pastor "B"

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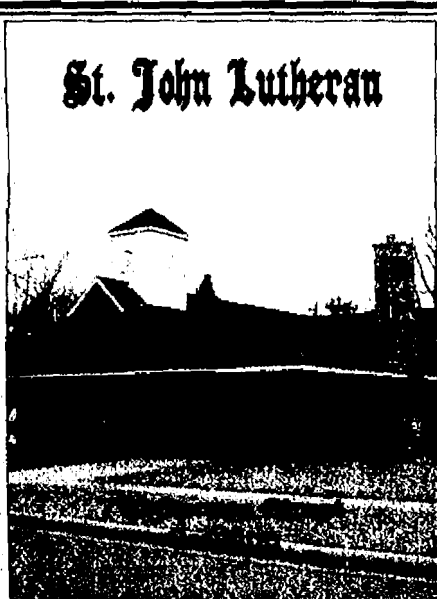
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Visit Vietnam through GPA travelogue

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series' 35th season of the Travel and Adventure Series will present "Vietnam - A Land of Surprises". Filmed and narrated by Buddy Hutton, the show will be held at the Rialto Theatre, in downtown Grayling, on April 10.

Experience the incredible diversity of Vietnam from the orchards of the Mekong Delta to the tropical beaches of Nha Trang. From bustling Saigon and Hanoi to the enchanting port

town of Hoi An and finally, the majesty of Halong Bay with its thousands of limestone islands.

It's an amazing journey combining big city and remote areas with minority villages as well as the country's popular highlights.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, and are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or at the door.

For more information on this

performance, or a schedule for the upcoming series, call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

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"Vietnam - A Land of Surprise" will be the featured GPA Travel and Adventure Series show on Thursday, April 10, at the Rialto Theatre in downtown Grayling.

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OBITUARIES

Noreen J. Harmer

Aug. 9, 1949 - Mar. 28, 2008

Noreen J. Harmer, 58, of Frederic, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2008.

Noreen was born in Grayling on August 9, 1949. She was the daughter of the late Harry and Edna (Wilbur) Canfield.

She was a hairdresser, and then earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Central Michigan University in 1967.

Noreen was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at 11 years old. She was dedicated and passionate about educating and helping others that had diabetes. She previously worked at Mercy Hospital, and then at Grayling Family Practice, as a diabetic educator. She was also employed by Lilly Pharmaceuticals, had her own company called "Diabetes Up North", and went on speaking tours.

She survived a pancreas transplant procedure for several years. Her philosophy was "Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

She is survived by son, Corey (Jennifer) Harmer of Gaylord; granddaughters: Savanna, Kasandra and Taylor; brothers, Art (Joan) Canfield of Wis. and Tim (Laurie) Canfield of Maple Forest Township; sisters: Diane Willobee of Maple Forest Township; Darlene (Ted) Blanchard-Seekamp of Traverse City; Kae (Larry) Blanchard-Randall of Maple Forest Township; Janet (Larry) Bancroft of Mo. and Nancy (Donald) Lowmsbery of Maple Forest Township; several nieces and nephews; and friend Michael Harmer of Grayling.

Noreen was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Brent Harmer.

Her final wishes have been carried out and there are no plans for a service at the present time. Her request is that, in lieu of flowers, donations would be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-4001.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sorenson-lockwood.com. Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

AJ Hall

AJ Hall, 81, of Grayling, passed away on Friday March 28, 2008.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 4 - Lunch-baked meatloaf, green beans, carrots and a banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, April 7 - Lunch - beef goulash, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. Dinner - pepperoni pizza, Italian blend vegetables, pineapple and peaches. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

Tuesday, April 8 - Lunch - baked ham with apple glaze, baked beans, potato salad and an apple. Dinner - chicken and dumplings, green beans, tossed salad and mandarin oranges. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. Tone and Tunes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night, 6:30

Dagmar G. Robertson

Apr. 26, 1913 Mar. 24, 2008

Dagmar G. (SanCartier) Robertson, 94, of Grayling, passed away on Monday, March 24, 2008.

Dagmar was born in Ludington on April 26, 1913, the daughter of the late Hans and Anna Juhl.

She was a member of a group of women in Grayling called "Just Us" and a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She is survived by daughters: Anita Laurent of Grayling, Sandra (Bill) Martin of Texas, and Karen (Frank) Kitcho of Cadillac; sons: Ronald (Margo) SanCartier of Reed City, Terry SanCartier of Grayling, and Wayne (Janet) SanCartier of Grayling. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and several great and great great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday April 4, 2008, at 1 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sorenson-lockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Floyd Ervin Goddard

Jun. 28, 1942 - Mar. 26, 2008

Floyd Ervin Goddard, 65, of Grayling, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

He was born in Emmet County on June 28, 1942, the son of the late Richard Edwin and Martha Amelia (McCall) Goddard.

He married the former Rose Eldridge on August 31, 1961, in Gaylord. Floyd lived in the Grayling area for the past 30 years.

He is survived by: Floyd (Charlene) Goddard, Jr. of Roscommon, Linda Deschene of Gaylord, Bonnie (Carl) Altman of Hawks; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers: Richard, Fred, Corwin, Clifford, and Jerry; sister Edith, several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Cort Hale Goddard.

Visitation will be held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Rick Secord officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Michael Mikolaczky

Aug. 28, 1969 - Mar. 28, 2008

Michael Allen Mikolaczky, 38, of Grayling, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2008.

He was born in Detroit on August 28, 1969, the son of the late Mary (Frey) and Leon Mikolaczky of Warren.

He married the former Jacqueline Nichols on February 14, 2002, in Detroit.

He moved to the Grayling area about 5 years ago, coming from Detroit. He loved spending time with his daughters and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Jacquie; daughters, Amanda and Katherine; father, Leon Mikolaczky; sisters Marissa Mikolaczky and Rachel Rockwell; and brothers: Leon Mikolaczky Jr., Christopher R. Mikolaczky and Robert Newcomb.

Visitation will be held at the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Wednesday April 2, 2008, beginning at 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Funeral service will begin on Wednesday April 2, 2008, at 3 p.m. with Sister Jean Umloir officiating.

Donations may be made to the family.

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Card of Thanks

The family of John Hall would like to thank everyone for their support during our loss. Your offers of support, help in any way, cards, flowers and donations to the Commission on Aging meant a lot to us.

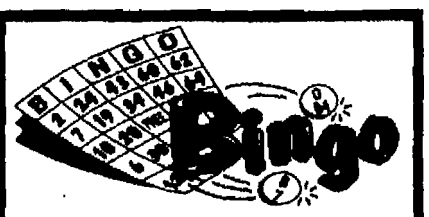
Special thanks to: Dr. William McNamara and the staff, doctors and nurses at Mercy Hospital and Mercy Manor; the American Legion and the Air Force for the military honors; and Reverend Elizabeth Chace for the services, you tied everything in perfectly. Finally, to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, your professionalism and kindness was heart warming. We are truly blessed to have you in our community.

Cindy, John, Chris and
Jeremy Jones

HONORS

Albion College

Local student Elizabeth Lucey was recently named president for Albion College's Kappa Delta sorority. Elizabeth Lucey is a junior majoring in biology. She is the daughter of John and Cheryl Lucey of Grayling and a graduate of Grayling High School.



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Leon Tottingham

Mar. 20, 1918 - Mar. 30, 2008

Leon Woodrow Tottingham, 90, of Grayling and formerly of Oxford/Lake Orion area, passed away on Sunday March 30, 2008.

He was born on March 20, 1918, in Hale, to the late Andrew & Ruth Emma (Ostrander) Tottingham.

He married the former Hazel Parker on February 25, 1938, in Indiana.

Leon served in the Armed Forces during WWII, with tours of duty in Japan and France.

He was a retired auto mechanic from Motorcar Transport.

He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and traveling out west.

He also did volunteer work delivering Meals on Wheels and RSVP for 10 years after retiring. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by his wife Hazel of 70 years; daughters, Carolyn (Frank) Gates of Traverse City and Marlene (Tom) Barbret of Troy; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren; and sister Hazel.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Thursday April 3, 2008, between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The funeral will begin at 12:30 p.m. with Rev. Thomas A Barbret officiating.

Arrangements made by Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home, Hale Chapel.

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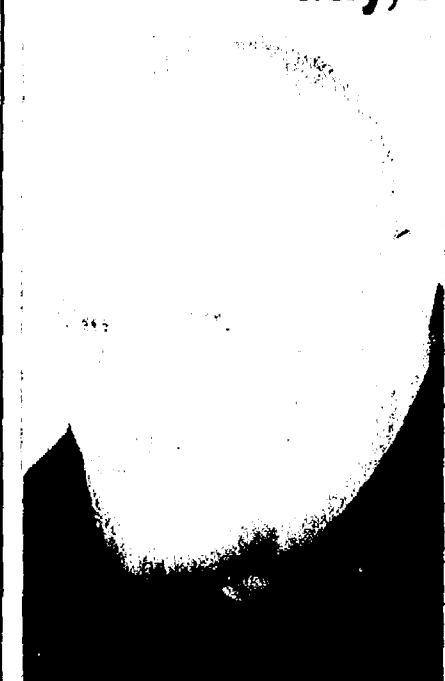
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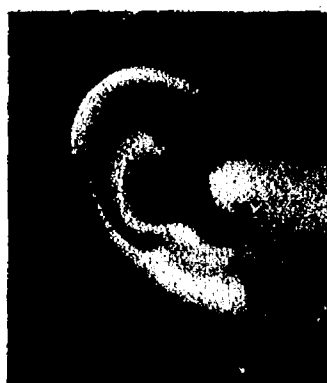
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OMH Oncology and Infusion Center is open to patients

Patients, family members, nurses, pharmacists and oncologists are just some of the individuals who visit Otsego Memorial Hospital's Oncology and Infusion Center in the course of one day.

As of Dec. 3, the newly renovated Oncology and Infusion Center opened to patients. Hundreds of local residents are now able to receive oncology and other infusion-related therapies, in this new state of the art building, such as IV antibiotics, blood transfusions and IV regimens for chronic illness in a facility close to home.

This center makes patients feel like family during difficult treatments, and now this newly renovated building provides more space for patients, families and friends.

"I am protective of my patients — they are my family and we take care of them just like they are family," said Shirley Andrews, Oncology and Infusion Center Supervisor.

Tim and Roberta Hudson are such patients that became a part of this family. Tim completed tri-weekly chemotherapy treatments in early winter, each lasting more

than six hours.

During his extensive treatments, he became very familiar with staff and patients. After this set of treatments, he had a three-month "vacation," his wife Roberta says, for "good behavior." They traveled to Florida to see their son. He just recently returned and is continuing treatments.

"We were off for three months and then we came back last week for the first time ... everybody at the center kept asking where we had been and how were we doing. It was like coming home," said Roberta.

The renovations allow for a visitor chair next to each treatment chair and increased space around each treatment chair for staff and family members to move around freely.

The clinic treatment chair did not have its own curtain, resulting in limited privacy for each patient.

"We just didn't have a way to segregate the patients who really need privacy or were in pain," said Gary Libstorff, OMH oncology nurse.

The new clinic has more chairs and more space between each

station than the previous building. In addition, it has two private treatment rooms, enclosed by a sliding glass door.

Patients who seek privacy have just that in a comfortable and accessible setting. Not only does the new facility allow for increased privacy and easy access with dedicated parking, but the renovations almost double the size of the current center, allowing for 10 treatment chairs and two private treatment rooms.

"Often, we used to have patients waiting to receive treatment, especially in the summer. We often had to ask them to come back, or give them a lunch voucher for the hospital cafeteria, because we just didn't have a chair available for them at that moment. The renovations change this greatly," said Andrews.

The total cost of the renovation project is \$360,000. The project is entirely supported by the OMH Foundation, which includes a \$25,000 gift from the OMH Auxiliary.

To date, the OMH Foundation has secured more than \$350,000 in community gifts and pledges to the renovation project. This includes \$66,000 from OMH

Foundation restricted investment dollars.

The OMH Foundation Board understands the importance of this project in the community, and is committed to its success.

"We are very close to our goal, but still need additional community support to cross the finish line," said OMH Foundation Director, Christie Perdue.

All gifts over \$500 will be permanently recognized in the renovated facility.

"Many supporters have chosen to make a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one who has fought a battle with cancer," said Perdue.

The OMH Foundation sends a letter to the individual or their family, to notify them of a gift made in their honor.

Contact the OMH Foundation for more information on how to support this important community project at (989) 731-7769.

The Otsego Memorial Hospital Oncology and Infusion Center is located at 701 N. Otsego Avenue, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The center can be reached by phone at (989) 731-7760.

BUSINESS NEWS

Mobile Medical Response, Inc. (MMR), has recently received a full three year reaccreditation by the Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS).

CAAS is a third party review agency that was established to encourage and promote quality patient care in America's medical transportation system.

Based initially on the efforts of the American Ambulance Association, the independent commission established a comprehensive series of standards for the ambulance industry. Accreditation signifies that a service has met the "gold standard" in providing quality patient care and operational excellence determined by the ambulance industry to be essential in a modern emergency medical services provider. CAAS standards often exceed those established by state or local regulations.

The accreditation process includes a comprehensive self-assessment and an independent outside review of the EMS organization.

"MMR submitted about 250

pounds of documentation paperwork to CAAS in October. On-site reviewers were here in February for two days of interviews and inspections," notes Lynn Schutter, marketing director at MMR.

CAAS on-site reviewers included a physician medical director and two paramedics, now serving as executive directors for their respective EMS agencies. Reviewers spent time interviewing members of the MMR management team, supervisors and employees to assure that the paperwork submitted actually represents practices in place.

"We are extremely proud to announce that CAAS found no deficiencies during their review and we were awarded a full three-year re-accreditation," says Schutter. "Having zero deficiencies is quite rare. Usually, there are a few items that require some re-work or

finishing."

There are roughly 100 CAAS standards. They include inter-agency relations, management and financial management, community relations, human resources, clinical standards, safe operations and managing risk, equipment and facilities, and communications (dispatch) center. CAAS spends a significant amount of time reviewing employee files to assure that all credentials are up to date as well as patient care reports, vehicle and equipment records, quality improvement processes, dispatch records, records on complaints and vehicle crashes, incident reports and financial performance reports.

MMR Inc. is a nonprofit full service EMS agency providing service to nine counties in mid-Michigan. MMR also manages operations for Iosco County EMS. MMR has over 80 vehicles and 400 employees.

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Officials plan to show support for theme park

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Susan Haddad, spokesperson for the MainStreet America project, met with Crosson on Tuesday. She said developers are seeking a slot on the NRC's April 10 agenda, and will have the list of requirements requested by the DNR ready for state officials.

Haddad, however, said that developers are still working with the project's financial backers.

"We are still negotiating on our end, but at least they will know who our financial partner will be," Haddad said.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said Crosson has received a letter of interest from the Remington Financial Group, a Philadelphia based firm, at a Crawford County Board of Commissioners' meeting last month. Stephenson said the firm still needed to do its due diligence on the proposal before making a final commitment. Stephenson added that Crosson was also working on obtaining similar financial documents from a Canadian-based financial firm.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce has

secured a chartered bus that will transport local officials and citizens to the NRC meeting. The chamber is charging \$25 per person to ride the bus, and as of Monday, half of the 55 available seats were spoken for.

"We wanted to round up all of the key leadership in Crawford County to go down in support of the DNR selling this land," said Kim Millikin, the interim director for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The property, where the theme park is proposed, was set aside by the DNR in 2000 for economic development. The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership oversees purchase proposals for the property.

Kay Cosgray, chairwoman of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, said Crosson plans to speak to the NRC for informational purposes only to detail his plans for the development.

Cosgray said officials plan to attend the meeting to back the project and may address the board.

"We want to show there is a huge support group up here for the sale of the property,"

Cosgray said.

Haddad was pleased to hear that a bus load of people plan to attend the meeting in hopes of getting across the fact that there are people who would like to see the project to come to fruition.

"It's obviously a wonderful addition to what we're trying to do and we're happy about that," she said.

Dave Freed, chief of land and facilities for the DNR, said they have received no formal notification to place the project on the April agenda.

Freed said that Mindy Koch, a resource management deputy for the DNR, has been in discussions with DNR Director Rebecca A. Humphries regarding the project and the upcoming meeting.

"The cart is a little ahead of the horse, because the department has not made a final decision on whether we are going to put this on the April agenda," Freed said.

Given the scope of the project, and the state's agreement with Crawford County to develop the land, Freed said that the commission would likely take input on the land proposal and make a final decision at a later

date. He added that commissioners and Humphries would want to hear from both people who are for the theme park and those who are opposed to the project.

"We want to make every opportunity we can for anyone that is interested to make comments to the commission and the director," Freed said.

Robert Bates, a Lake Orion resident who is a member of Anglers of the AuSable, a local conservation and fishing organization, questions if the theme park is the right way to give the local economy a boost.

"I'm all for progress, and those poor fellas in Crawford County don't have a GM plant to go work in like I did, but I just don't think this is the way to go," Bates said.

Developers are proposing that the park would include roller coasters, a race track, a water park, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long. They said it would create 2,000 jobs, 700 of which would be full-time positions, and would have an annual payroll of \$25 million.

Archery revived at Hanson Hills

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Club will also host youth hunting programs for children 10 to 16-years of age, which will include indoor shooting and outdoor 3-D shooting. Hunting safety courses will also be offered.

Northwood's Archery Club members, Ben Chouinard, Dave Waack and Wood, recently approached GRA officials about bringing archery back to Hanson Hills to provide a place for adults and youth to shoot.

Wood operated Northwoods Archery in Waters, an archery pro-shop which featured an indoor range, but closed the busi-

ness last year due to health reasons.

The club is looking at plans to host archery tournaments.

"We have the facilities there to make this one of the best clubs in the state," Wood said.

The club is seeking to bolster its members and get more leaders involved once it becomes more active at Hanson Hills, said Wood, who serves as an officer for the organization.

"Hopefully, we can have elections and get some young blood in there," he said.

The first youth program will start on Thursday, May 1, and

runs six weeks from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the archery building.

You can register for the program online at www.hansonhills.org. The cost of this class is \$20 and includes a t-shirt, class instruction and the use of equipment.

The Northwood's Archery Club is also committed to teaching archery to youngsters at the summer day camp held at Hanson Hills.

Joni Duncel, the program director for GRA, said bringing archery back to Hanson Hills is another initiative to increase activity and opportunities for

youth, families and tourists at the community recreation area.

"When you come to Grayling, you know you can bring your bow and arrow and shoot," Duncel said. "It's going to bring people out here and it's going to get the kids away from the video games and it's another opportunity to get kids and adults up off the couch."

For questions regarding the youth archery program, contact Duncel at 348-9266.

For more information about the Northwood's Archery Club, contact Chouinard at (989) 390-0445.

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Many seniors miss out on food assistance

by Diane Ivey
Capital News Service

More than 550,000 Michigan families participate in the food assistance program, but according to the League for Human Services and Department of Human Services, thousands of eligible senior citizens don't.

Approximately 5,000 to 10,000 seniors, in southwest Michigan alone, aren't taking advantage of such programs, according to Andrea Meewes, project director of Michigan's Coordinated Access to Food for the Elderly (MiCAFE), an organization that helps seniors get food assistance.

And according to Kate White, executive director of Elder Law of Michigan, many seniors aren't aware they qualify for food assistance, so they don't take the few steps required to register.

"More and more adults are falling into poverty every day," White said. "They don't know they qualify for food assistance, as well as things like Medicare or Medicaid. But having that extra

assistance can be a huge increase in monthly disposable income."

The number of people receiving food assistance in the state has gone up more than 10 percent in some counties from 2006 to December 2007, an economic security study by the League for Human Services said.

White and Meewes cited the rising costs of housing, gas and medical care as the reason for the increased number of eligible seniors. Meewes emphasized the cost of prescription drugs, because the average senior is on three to five daily medications.

"A lot of people are paying money out of pocket, especially for Medicare premiums," Meewes said. "Everything in a senior's life is going up in price dramatically."

The average benefit for seniors on the program is about \$60 per month, plus up to \$100 in Medicare savings. The MiCAFE program includes an application for medical assistance to pay insurance premiums.

Caseworkers in Human

Services have been forced to increase their caseloads from 200 cases to up to 1,000 cases, Director Ismael Ahmed said.

"One third of the people in this state are in or near poverty," Ahmed said. "When a third of our people can't get by on the money they make, we need to attack this."

"So many low-income seniors are able to get food stamps, but they haven't done so," he said.

According to White, MiCAFE recruits volunteers in counties, including St. Joseph and Kalamazoo, who are trained to help seniors fill out the Internet forms, conduct eligibility interviews and complete other one-on-one steps they would otherwise have to do at a state office.

Meewes said one reason seniors don't apply for food assistance is because they don't like going to a Department of Human Services office.

"It's not a comfortable environment for seniors," Meewes said. "It's overcrowded, the caseworkers are overwhelmed.

Because of that, long waits are inevitable. That's a difficult thing for seniors to deal with."

Seniors also don't seek assistance because they're reluctant to ask for help, Meewes said.

"We tell them that they've paid their dues," Meewes said. "They've worked hard at life, they've raised a family, they've been active members of their communities. The least the state can do in return is to give them the resources to buy food."

Both White and Meewes stressed that all eligible seniors can take advantage of food assistance. Because it's a federal entitlement program, there's no limit on the number of people who can receive benefits.

"Sometimes seniors think they need to save food assistance for younger families with children," Meewes said.

"But that's not the case. It's not a limited benefit at this point. Seniors aren't taking someone's spot, they're simply using a resource that's been specifically provided for them," she said.

NEMCOG road and trail bicycling map earns award

The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) recently learned that the "Northeast Region Road & Trail Bicycling Guide", produced by Denise Cline GIS coordinator & planner of NEMCOG for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), received honorable mention at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Annual Symposium.

Diane Rekowski, executive director of NEMCOG, praised the work of Cline. "Denise has

extraordinary talents in both the GIS and planning/zoning fields. The Northeast Region Road & Trail Bicycling Map is a fine example of the quality of work she produces. The map has been an excellent marketing piece for Northeast Michigan's recreation assets and has been in high demand, so much that 15,000 maps have been distributed."

AASHTO sponsors the annual Geospatial Information Systems for Transportation (GIS-T) Symposium. The symposium annually attracts over 400 symposium participants from across

the US and Canada.

The 2008 GIS-T Symposium was held in March, in Houston, Texas. Its purpose is to provide a forum for transportation officials from state, province, federal and municipal agencies to discuss GIS and transportation issues. As the premier GIS event focused on transportation, this year it drew attendees from as far away as France, Portugal, the U.K. and South Korea.

A panel of judges independently critiqued over 50 entries spread among the four categories and scored each entry on how

well it met the judging criteria for its category. This year's categories were: Official

Transportation Publication; Best Use of Information; Most Effective Cartography; and Best Public Presentation. In addition, audience votes were tallied for a People's Choice Award winner.

Under the category of Official Transportation Publication, MDOT earned an honorable mention award for the guide produced by NEMCOG.

Copies of these maps are available at www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking.

People Fund grants were awarded to local groups in 2007

Grants totalling \$8,500, from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund, were awarded in 2007 to local nonprofit organizations in Crawford County.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy customers who allow their electric company to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. In 2007, the rounded-up amounts totaled more than \$134,000 in grants awarded to 43 charitable

and community organizations throughout Great Lake Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

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Last year in Crawford County, People Fund grants were awarded to the following groups:


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Local artist to demonstrate hand-building bamboo fly rods

John Niemann will demonstrate his artistic talent at the downtown Grayling Spring Art Walk, organized by the newly formed Watershed Art Project which is an ad hoc committee of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

Niemann's art medium is hand-building bamboo fly rods. He became interested in the lure of fine fly rods while he and his wife Mary were on a fishing trip in the Yellowstone area in 1993. A short time later, he signed up for classes on how to make bamboo fly rods taught by Wayne Cattanch at the Fly Factory in Grayling.

The art walk is being held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, the opening day of trout season. It will take

place in downtown Grayling where over a dozen businesses will each feature an artist.

The art works range from oils and watercolors to pyrogravure (wood burning an image onto paper), stained glass, wood carving and ceramics. A unique feature of this year's art walk is the showcasing of two art forms related to trout fishing — hand-made bamboo fly rods and fly tying.

Making a bamboo fly rod begins with a 12 foot length of bamboo about two inches in diameter. It takes Niemann about 25 hours to get enough thin wedges of bamboo planed to the precise taper to glue up a rod. With the gluing, varnishing, sanding, attaching the eyes and lathing the cork handle, it takes over 100 hours to com-

plete a bamboo fly rod.

"I make less than \$5 an hour building one of these, but I enjoy putting my name on something beautiful and well made," Niemann remarked.

Like many artists, Niemann supports his art habit with a day-job. He works at DuBois Lumber Company in Grayling.

Back in the 70s, Grayling was little more than a pit-stop for Niemann as he traveled from downstate to Marquette where he attended Northern Michigan University.

As his interest in the area grew, he began spending part of his summers camping and fishing near Hartwick Pines. In 1992, Niemann and his wife bought six acres on the river. By 1998 he was building a home and transitioning from a

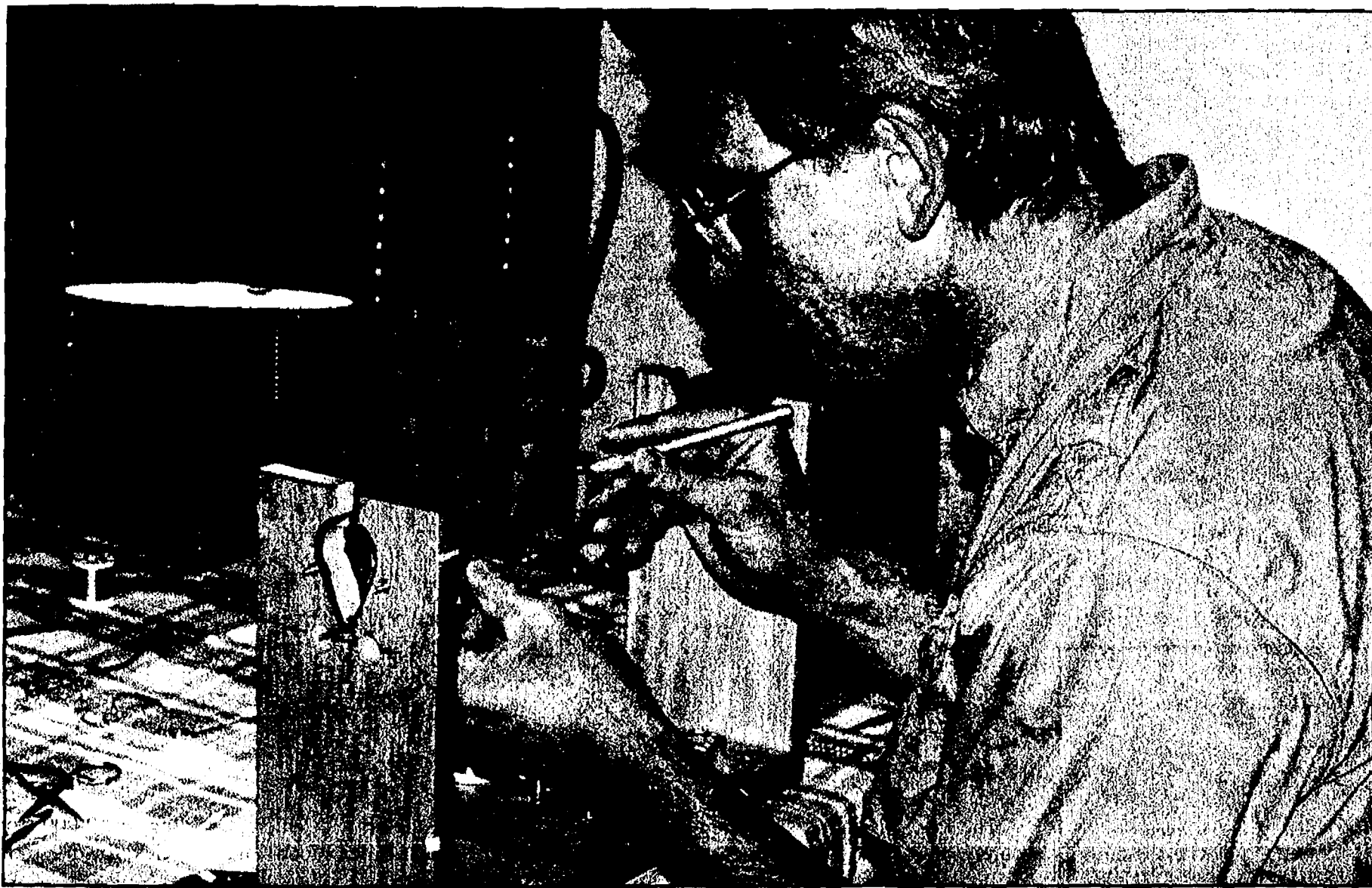
part-timer to a resident.

The Watershed Art Project is the effort of a half a dozen local citizens who meet once a month to organize projects to promote fine art in the Grayling area.

The Grayling Spring Art Walk is partially funded by a mini-grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The mini-grants for our region are administered by Kirtland Community College.

The first event organized by Watershed was an invitational art show held during the 2007 Downtown Christmas Walk.

The Grayling Spring Art Walk is the second art show organized by the group. Future events are still in the planning stage. A partnership drive will be taking place during the art walk.



John Niemann will be one of several artists demonstrating their artistic talents during the Grayling Spring Art Walk. Above, Niemann is attaching the eyes to the tip section of a bamboo rod. It takes 82 wraps of silk thread to attach each eye.

Free help with federal income taxes available

Looking forward to your tax rebate check? You need to file your 2007 federal tax return first. The office of Senator Carl Levin, D-Mich., has compiled a county-by-county listing of locations across Michigan where seniors and low to moderate income wage earners can receive free help filling out their 2007 federal income tax returns.

Even those who are not qualified to file a tax return, such as some low income Social Security beneficiaries, must file a 2007 federal tax return in order to receive a stimulus payment. The Internal Revenue Service will begin sending out the checks in May.

"As I traveled around Michigan last week, I received many questions about the tax rebates," Levin said. "I want to make sure that Michiganders know that they have to file a 2007 tax return before they can receive their stimulus payment. The IRS offers free help for seniors and lower income folks at tax clinics, and my office has formatted a county-by-county list of the 373 clinics across Michigan. I encourage everyone to share this information with their family and friends, especially those who might not normally be required to file a 2007 tax return."

The IRS sponsors two free tax preparation programs for qualifying individuals. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people with low to moderate incomes, generally, \$40,000 and below, who need assistance preparing their tax returns. The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program provides free tax help to individuals age 60 and older.

These services are free and performed by volunteers who have been certified by the IRS. The locations and dates of operation for the centers are subject to change. Individuals can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for the most up-to-date information. Most of the tax clinics require an appointment, but walk-ins are accepted at the centers where noted. Some tax clinics also offer Spanish and American sign language services.

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Individuals already filing a tax return do not need to file a separate form to receive their economic stimulus payment. The IRS will calculate the amount owed to each person and deliver the payment separately from the regular 2007 tax refunds. If an eligible individual requests that his or her 2007 tax refund be deposited directly into a bank account, the stimulus payment will also be deposited into that same account. Otherwise, the IRS will send the rebate check by mail. More information can be found at the IRS Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626.00.html>.

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Stronger steps against elder abuse advocated

by Diane Ivey
Capital News Service

When a Wayne County man in the early stages of dementia reported that his savings began to disappear in large withdrawals, a friend called the police and said he suspected a home health care worker.

After her husband died, a Wayne County widow was befriended by a neighbor, to whom she granted power of attorney. The woman was put in a nursing home, although she was able to live on her own, while the neighbor retained access to her finances.

The widow finally moved from the nursing home, but not before her neighbor sold her house.

Katie Graham, managing attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan in Redford, said she hears of cases like these every day. Graham specializes in elder law and spends most of her time helping senior citizens out of financially exploitive situations.

"It's most often a caregiver or family member," Graham said. "Seniors have to be careful about who they give power of attorney to or sign joint accounts with. It's very sad."

Preventing such abuse and neglect is the aim of the legislation intended to end the financial exploitation of seniors.

The bills are especially directed toward banks and other financial institutions, and would make it mandatory for their employees to report suspected elder abuse to Adult Protective Services or local police departments.

Banks would also be required to provide joint accountholders

with a summary of their rights and would require a person granted power of attorney for a senior to sign a contract pledging to act in the senior's best interests.

Third parties- limited not just to bank employees but also to friends, relatives or concerned strangers- would also be allowed to file a complaint on the senior's behalf, an important step in reporting abuses, said Jo Murphy, executive director of the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program.

"We have had laws for many years saying that schools, doctors and nurses are supposed to report suspected child abuse," Murphy said. "It should be the same thing for elder abuse."

Anita Salustro, associate state director of the AARP, also stressed the need for third party reports of financial fraud. Salustro served on a task force that investigated elder abuse in 2005, and said her group heard testimony from banks as well as seniors that "strongly motivated" the legislation.

"One judge told us it was a no-brainer," Salustro said. "He asked us why everyone isn't a mandatory reporter. Our recommendation to make banks mandatory reporters was unanimously approved."

Christine Jones, residence director of Bowman House, an assisted living facility in Three Rivers, said many residents have been financially exploited, generally by friends and family.

"When you have families and non-registered organizations in charge of a senior's life, it's very easy for them to take advantage

of that situation," Jones said. "Any time you have an extra set of eyes to prevent that from happening is good."

Financial exploitation can come from a variety of sources, Salustro said, from telemarketing and door-to-door sales scams to freeloading friends and relatives.

Because seniors often have limited mobility and are isolated, they may fall prey to a friendly face, Salustro said.

"When the nice young man or friendly young lady comes along and is so helpful, they can be taken advantage of," she said. "That's not true of all older adults, but it does happen more than we would like."

Lynne Boursey, executive director of the St. Joseph County Commission on Aging, emphasized the damage unethical caretakers may wreak on seniors' finances.

"Drug-addicted relatives might abuse their prescriptions," Boursey said. "Others might sell them to get money. Friends might move in and not pay rent. These situations are going to have a heavy impact on seniors' financial situations."

In Boursey's experience, friends and family are a bigger problem than fraud by strangers.

"In our area, it's not the drive-way-sealer or the salesman that's exploiting them," Boursey said. "It's the people they know and love."

Insurance benefits are another sticking point for seniors, Murphy said. She emphasized unethical sales practices such as not giving enough information about the policy being sold or the

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of April 3 - 9 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during April 3 and April 7 - 9.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, April 3 - 9.

Range 12, located south of the main post, bounded on the east by Carrier Rd., and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), April 8 and 9.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, April 3 - 9.

Range 17, hand grenade range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), April 8 and 9.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Troop maneuvers and air-

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This year's baseball team will feature eight returning starters

Vikings scheduled to play at Kalkaska on Friday, April 11

■ *Weather forces squad to practice inside gym and on parking lot during first 3 weeks*

This year's Grayling High School baseball team has an experienced group of athletes, including eight of nine starters returning from last season's squad that finished 12-18.

Three of the eight returning starters were all-conference and all-district honorees last year — Richie Schreiber, Rocky McNamara, and Josh Stapleton. All three players are seniors this year.

Schreiber, the team's leading pitcher last year, posted 84 strikeouts in 86 innings in 2007 and finished with a 7-7 record.

"Richie is one of the top pitchers in northern Michigan," Coach John Schneider said.

McNamara, who won the squad's MVP award last year, led the team in home runs (4) and RBIs (31) in 2007. He also led the team in fielding percentage (.975).

"Rocky is also going to see action on the mound this year," Coach Schneider said.

"Josh led the team with a .465 batting average last season, and played outstanding defense after being moved to center field. 'Stapes' is an outstanding athlete, and will help the Vikings on the mound this season," Coach Schneider said.

"All three of these players are being looked at by colleges to play at the next level next year,"

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See "THIS YEAR'S..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Josh Stapleton, left, squares to bunt during a recent baseball practice at Grayling High School. Dylan Nye, right, catches a ball on the run during an outfield drill in the gym on Thursday, March 20.

Soccer team has strong overall numbers with 21 players

■ *Weather forces squad to stay inside for practices; first game set for Tuesday, April 8*

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

The 2008 GHS varsity girls soccer squad, which has three games scheduled for next week, has been practicing in the gyms at Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School to get ready for the upcoming spring season.

The team has strong overall player numbers this year with 21 girls on the roster.

"That's a lot for us," Coach Loren Cobb said. "The most we've had in several years."

Cobb, who coached the GHS boys soccer team for three years, is in his first season as head coach of the girls team. He has served as an assistant coach for the GHS girls soccer team for the past four seasons.

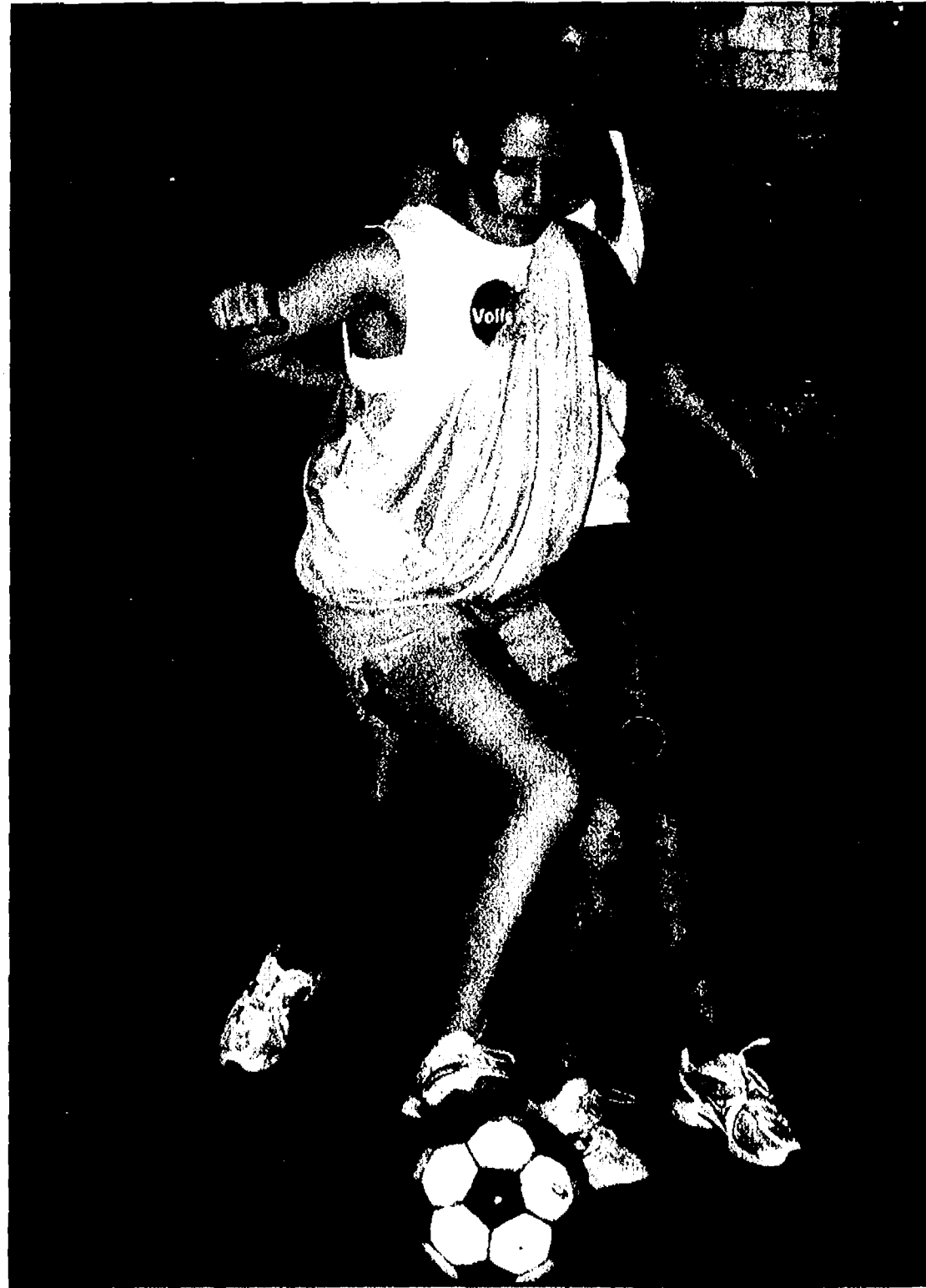
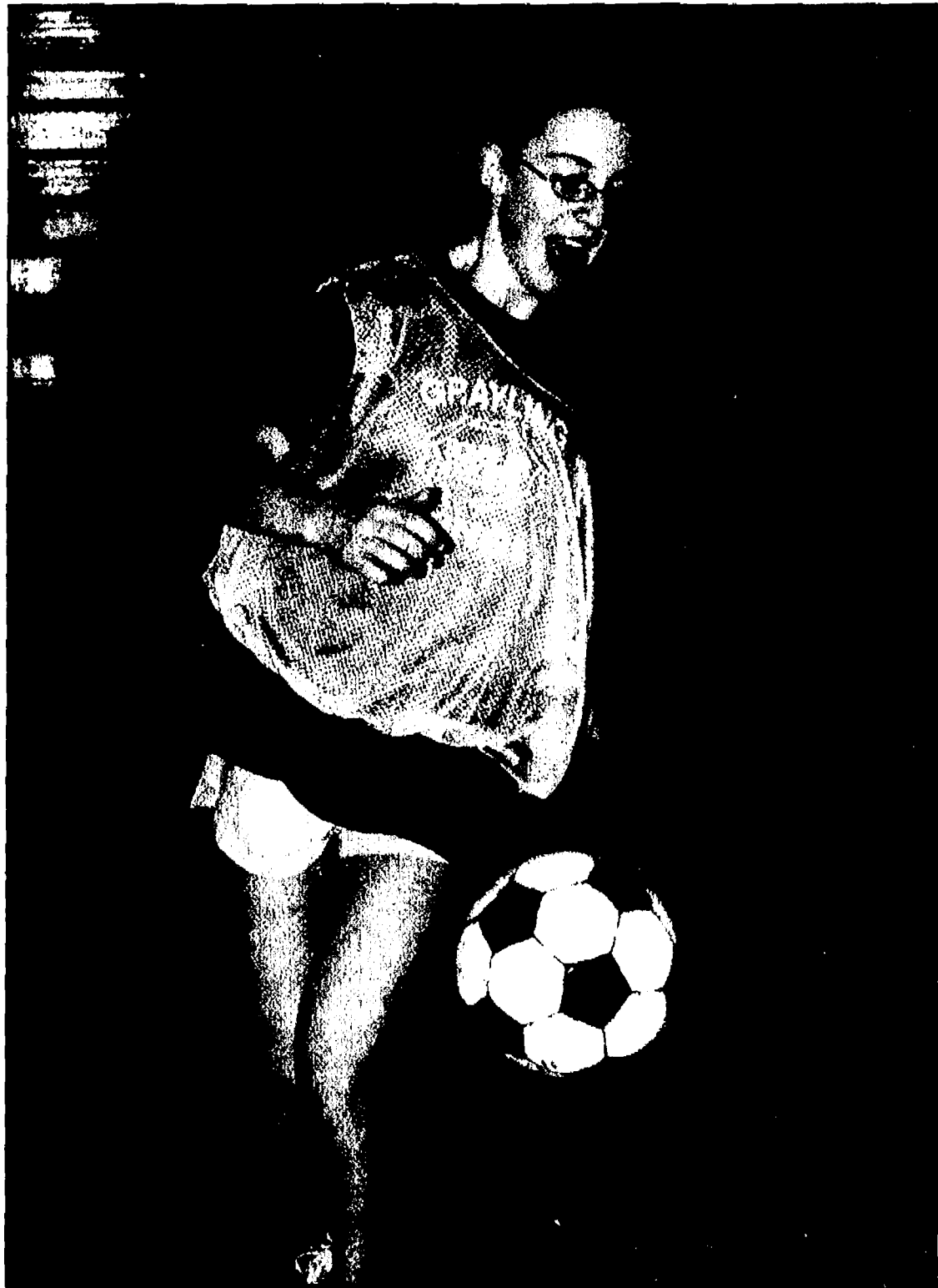
This year's squad has four seniors, five juniors, one sophomore, and 11 freshmen.

"We have a lot of freshmen, which is good," Coach Cobb said. "Last year we didn't have any."

The team's three captains this year will be Renee Clair (senior), Jessie Baker (senior), and Lahken Maher (junior). The squad's goalkeepers will be Eva

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Iva Haven, left, and Jessica Bindschatel, right, handle the ball during an inside soccer practice last Thursday at Grayling High School.

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Renee Clair, a senior team captain, handles the ball during a practice last week at GHS.



Emily Sloan, left, and Brianna Farrell, right, battle for the ball during a scrimmage game last week.

Soccer team has strong overall numbers with 21 players

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Clark, a senior, and Ciara Summers, a freshman. The team has one foreign exchange student: Amy Stapleton of Australia.

The Vikings have been forced to practice inside, since the soccer fields are still covered with snow. Weather conditions may delay the beginning of the team's season.

"We have three games the first week - I'll be surprised if we play any of them," Coach Cobb said.

The squad's practices have included "a lot of running," Coach Cobb said. "We've worked on our passing skill, ball control, just trying to be comfortable with the ball. It's hard on a smooth surface - the ball reacts completely different. We've done

everything we can to get ourselves ready."

The soccer team hasn't won a game in the past couple of seasons, but Cobb said he thinks that will change this year.

"My goal for the season is five wins," he said. "It's lofty, but we can do it. We have more experience than we've had before - girls that have played soccer before, not just as high school students."

Grayling High School students are on spring break this week. The Vikings have three games scheduled for next week, including a home game vs. Kalkaska on Tuesday, April 8, at 5 p.m. Grayling is scheduled to play at Boyne City on Thursday, April 10, and at Houghton Lake on Friday, April 11.



Goalkeeper Eva Clark throws the ball to a teammate during last Thursday's practice.



Carlie Money, left, and Amy Stapleton, right, control the ball during a scrimmage game inside the GHS gym last Thursday.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Woody Girls 38.5 - 17.5
American Legion 32 - 24
Grayling Nurs.Center 30 - 26
GMH-NCC 28 - 28
Days Inn 28 - 28
Robin L. Smith CPA. 25.5 - 30.5

T & T Fishing 25 - 31
Glen's Market 17 - 39
High Series: S. Noeske and L. Seibert, 490; B. Hellebuyck, 477.
High Game: S. Noeske, 201; W. Lobinger, 198; S. Johnson, 184.

Thursday Morning Coffee

K.I.P. 29 - 15
Ladybugs 27.5 - 16.5
Casino Bums 24.5 - 19.5
Chatty Three 21 - 23
Snow Tops 21 - 23
R.E.M. 19 - 25
Bill's Harem 17 - 27
Goofballs 17 - 27
High Series Men: K. Harris, 659; B. Hollis, 568; H. Blake, 496.
High Game Men: K. Harris, 247; B. Hollis, 211; E. Broskey, 180.
High Series Women: J. Brown, 498; K. Moshier, 465; H. Stairs, 463.
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 178; J. Brown, 177; N. Glasslee, 168.

Friday Mixed Doubles

L & L Hauling 67 - 38
Last Call 61 - 44
Bucket Brigade 60 - 45
Miller Spillers 53 - 52
MMR 51 - 54
Great Lakes Roofing 50 - 55
American Legion 40.5 - 64.5
Forget About It 37.5 - 67.5
High Series Men: J. Lehman, 685; P. Benardo, 584; D. Williamson, 574.
High Game Men: J. Lehman, 248; P. Benardo, 234; D. Canfield, 217.
High Series Women: M. Cole, 526; P. Benardo, 519; J. Dent,

475. High Game Women: M. Cole, 233; P. Benardo, 187; J. Dent, 177.

American Men's League

McLean's Ace 25 - 10
Dragon Repair 20 - 15
West Side Diner 20 - 15
GADCO 18 - 17
Otsego Lake Service 16 - 19
Fenton's Auto Serv. 16 - 19
Derwich Ind 13 - 22
Moore's Auto 12 - 23
High Series: Lance Davis, 749; T. Kotrash, 720; D. Henning, 658.
High Game: Lance Davis, 269; T. Kotrash, 249; T. Hulbert, 236.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest 29 - 11
Eagles Nest Sports 23 - 17
McDonald's 21 - 19
Johnson Const 20 - 20
"S" B's 20 - 20
T.C. Lawncare 18 - 22
Spicy Bob's 16 - 24
Tim's Collision 13 - 27
High Series: D. Argue, 528; M. Rock, 524; J. Cousins, 502.
High Game: T. Hellebuyck and M. Rock, 206; D. Boonie and D. Argue, 199.

Senior Bowling

Gaylord Electric 31 - 17
Grayling Pharmacy 30 - 18
Flowers By Josie 29 - 19
Kicking Grass 28 - 20
Sylvester's Sports 22 - 26
Bear's Den Pizza 18 - 30
Spike's 17 - 31
Lone Pine 17 - 31

High Series Men: P. Faustman, 592; D. Williamson, 527; L. Wyatt, 517.
High Game Men: P. Faustman, 234; L. Wyatt, 195; D. Williamson, 182.
High Series Women: P. Gillis, 461; M. Rysso, 459; B. Wotring, 452.
High Game Women: P. Gillis, 181; M. Rysso, 167; I. Cosgray, 163.

National First

Pittman Bld. 65 - 26
Legion Lanes 53 - 38
Spike's #1 46 - 45
Corky's Karaoke 45 - 46
Continental Rental 44 - 47
Upper Lakes 42 - 49
Medicine Shoppe 37 - 54
Faustman Insurance 32 - 59
High Series: J. Hunt, 747; C. Brill, 645; D. Lawe, 601.
High Game: J. Hunt, 278 and 243; T. Hulbert, 258.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Extreme Muffins 53 - 31
Spike's #2 52 - 32
Grayling Rest, #2 50 - 34
Spike's #1 49 - 35
Bi-Polar Bowlers 40 - 44
Farm Bureau 36 - 48
Four Amigos 28 - 56
Gray Rock Cafe 26 - 58
High Series Men: P. Faustman, 531; R. Strohpaal, 514; M. Cottrell, 502.
High Game Men: M. Cottrell, 205; R. Strohpaal, 203; A. Langowski, 202.
High Series Women: L. Mead, 513; N. Glasslee, 491; A. Kolka, 444.
High Game Women: L. Mead, 184; A. Kolka, 175; T. Reed, 174.

This year's baseball team will feature eight returning starters

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Coach Schneider said.

Ethan Neuberger, a senior, will return to right field, Coach Schneider said. Neuberger was an academic all-state athlete last year.

"Last season's rookie of the year, Taylor Desenfants, has grown over the year and increased his fastball. 'Peanut,' as known by his teammates, will be a force on the mound this season, and he is only a sophomore," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings have two juniors at the catcher position - Geo Bindschattel and Eric Ferrigan.

"Geo will be one of the starting catchers, sharing duties with returning catcher (and) third baseman Eric Ferrigan. Geo has really shown some great leadership qualities already in practice, which is what you need from your catcher," Coach Schneider said.

"Jake Aubry may be the most improved player from last season. He has worked extremely hard to improve his game, and it has. Jake will start in left field or the infield. His versatility is a coach's dream," Coach Schneider said.

One key change in the line-up from last year's team to this year's squad will be at shortstop.

"Jimmy Osga will take over the shortstop position this season, coming off a good JV season last year. Jimmy has some big shoes to fill replacing Derek Eitzler, who was an outstanding player from last season's squad," Coach Schneider said.



(Left to right) Ethan Neuberger, Richard Schreiber, Rocky McNamara, and Josh Stapleton - all of whom are seniors this year - are four of the team's eight returning starters from last season's squad.

"(Outfielders) Lucas Pippin and Andy Hulbert have worked extremely hard in the off-season to try to break the starting line-up," Coach Schneider said.

"A good crop of juniors will be making their varsity debuts this season. Alex Gabriel and Peter Alexander, who both hit the ball well at the JV level, will look to do so at the varsity level. Spencer Dean is making his first appearance in the (baseball) program. He is very athletic, and will see some time on the mound and (in the) outfield. Sean Hernandez has a great glove in the outfield and tremendous speed on the base path. Mike Davis has worked all year to hone his pitching skills, and (he) will see the mound often this year," Coach

Schneider said.

The varsity team began its official practices on Monday, March 10. The squad has been practicing in the gym and outside on the parking lot, since the baseball field is still covered in snow. Grayling High School students are on their spring break this week. Games are scheduled to start next week.

The Vikings play at Kalkaska on Friday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, April 12, Grayling will compete in the Cadillac Tournament. The team's first home series is set for Thursday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.

Grayling's junior varsity baseball team, which will be coached by Rob Aubry this year, is scheduled to open its 2008 season with a home doubleheader vs. Kalkaska at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

"On the JV side, Rob Aubry will take over the coaching duties and has good sophomores and freshmen making up his team this season," Coach Schneider said. "Tyler Hanson and Joe Contreras are two returning JV members. Dustin Dikes, Matt Hellebuyck, William Ryan, and Joe Tottingham will join them this season. On the freshman side, Jensen Aubry, Jake Helsel, and Zach Wolcott will make their presence known on the mound this season, as well as in the field. Luke Schneider and Ethan Lewis are very solid infield players. Mike Harmon will make his debut both in the outfield and infield," Coach Schneider said.

"There are a lot of talented kids at the JV level, which (bodes) well for the future of GHS baseball," Coach Schneider said.

"My coaching staff has been working overtime to prepare both the varsity and JV team for the upcoming season," Coach

Schneider said. "Dan Desenfants has been working hard with the pitchers at both levels. Coach Aubry and (Joel) Mack have been improving the skill of our infielders."

"I am proud of the way our players are working, and I believe they will be successful this season," Coach Schneider said.

Viking fans can check out the GHS baseball program's Web site at www.casdk12.net/ghs04/GHSBaseball/indexBaseb.htm. The site includes a schedule and other information about the team. Season statistics for the varsity squad will be available throughout the season on the Internet at www.maxpreps.com.



Andy Hulbert catches a ball during an outfield drill at practice in the GHS gym on March 20.

LEGAL ACTION

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553, Page 381 through 383, Crawford County Records Michigan, and subsequently assigned to Covenant Capital, Inc., dated March 9, 2001, and recorded April 12, 2001 in Liber 533, Page 384, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$38,484.40). Including interest of 11% per Annum. Fees and Costs.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding, the 46th Circuit Court Lobby within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 9th, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats Page 34, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 2008

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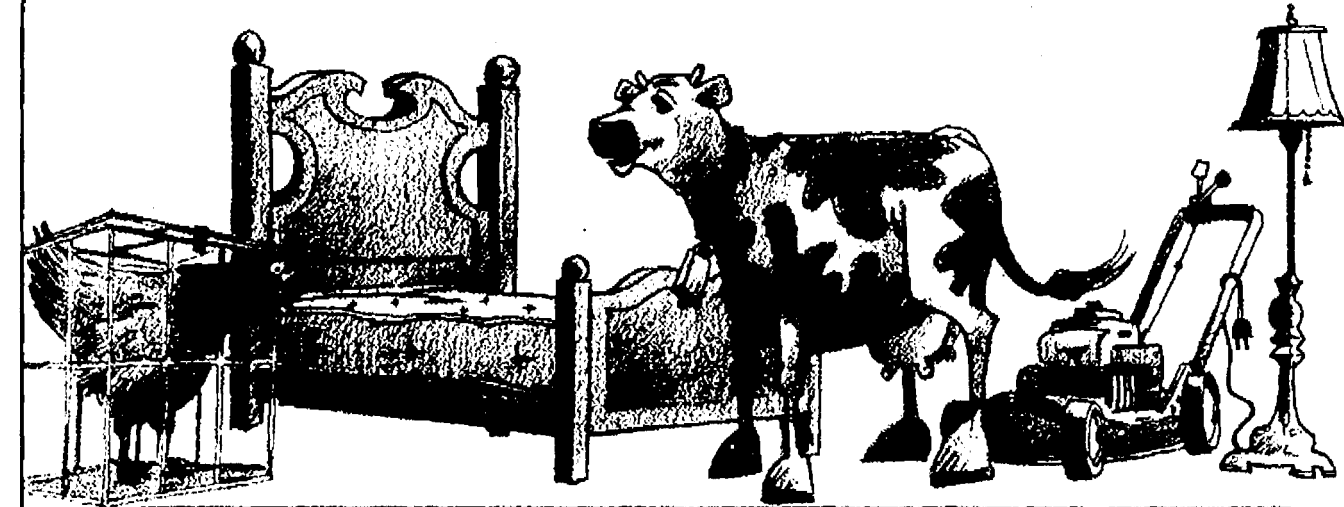
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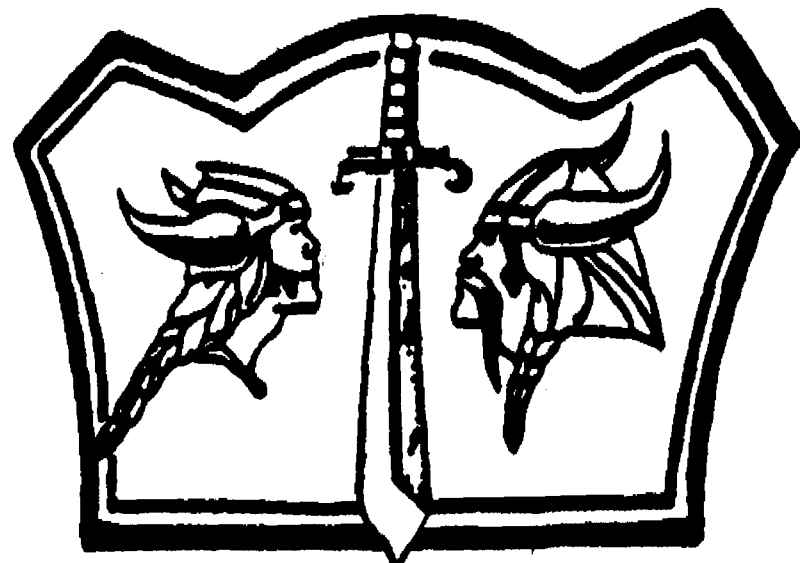
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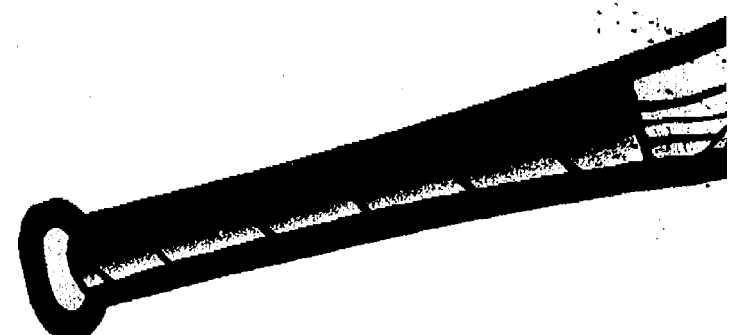


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Varsity Baseball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Monday	March 24, 2008	Big Rapids	A	4:00	TBA
Friday	April 11, 2008	Kalkaska	A	4:30	3:15
Saturday	April 12, 2008	Cadillac Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	April 15, 2008	Boyne City	H	4:30	
Friday	April 18, 2008	East Jordan	A	4:30	2:30
Tuesday	April 22, 2008	Harbor Springs	H	4:30	
Thursday	April 24, 2008	Gaylord	A	4:00	2:15
Saturday	April 26, 2008	Standish Sterling Tournament	A	9:30	TBA
Tuesday	April 29, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:30	2:30
Tuesday	May 6, 2008	Charlevoix	A	4:30	2:15
Thursday	May 8, 2008	Lincoln Alcona	A	4:30	2:15
Saturday	May 10, 2008	Grayling Tournament	H	TBA	
Monday	May 12, 2008	Jo'Burg/Lewiston	H	4:30	
Tuesday	May 13, 2008	Elk Rapids	H	4:30	
Friday	May 16, 2008	Houghton Lake	H	4:30	
Monday	May 19, 2008	Roscommon	A	4:00	3:00
Tuesday	May 20, 2008	Alpena	H	4:30	
Saturday	May 24, 2008	Alpena Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	May 27, 2008	Make-up Day	TBA	TBA	TBA
Thursday	May 29-June 2	Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA



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Day	Date	Opponent
Friday	April 11, 2008	Kalkaska
Monday	April 14, 2008	Harrison
Tuesday	April 15, 2008	Boyne City
Friday	April 18, 2008	East Jordan
Tuesday	April 22, 2008	Harbor Springs
Wednesday	April 23, 2008	Ogemaw Heights
Thursday	April 24, 2008	Gaylord
Saturday	April 26, 2008	Standish Sterling
Tuesday	April 29, 2008	Traverse City St. F
Saturday	May 3, 2008	St. Louis Tournam
Tuesday	May 6, 2008	Charlevoix
Thursday	May 8, 2008	Lincoln Alcona
Saturday	May 10, 2008	Grayling Tournam
Monday	May 12, 2008	Jo'Burg/Lewiston
Tuesday	May 13, 2008	Elk Rapids
Friday	May 16, 2008	Houghton Lake
Monday	May 19, 2008	Roscommon
Tuesday	May 27, 2008	Make-up Day
Thursday	May 29, 2008	Districts

Junior Varsity Baseball

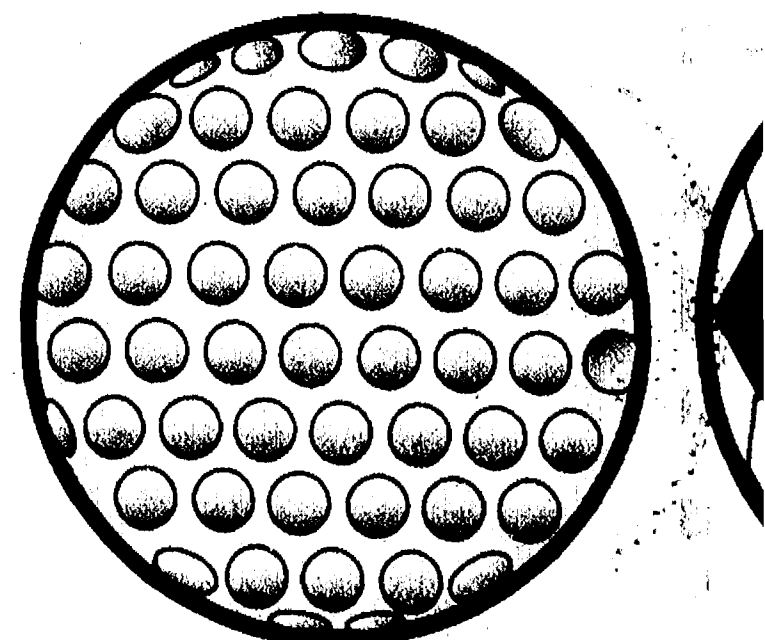
Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Friday	April 11, 2008	Kalkaska	H	4:30	
Saturday	April 12, 2008	Cadillac Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	April 15, 2008	Boyne City	A	4:30	2:45
Friday	April 18, 2008	East Jordan	H	4:30	
Tuesday	April 22, 2008	Harbor Springs	A	4:30	2:00
Thursday	April 24, 2008	Gaylord	H	4:30	
Thursday	April 29, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:30	
Tuesday	May 6, 2008	Charlevoix	H	4:30	
Thursday	May 8, 2008	Lincoln Alcona	H	4:30	
Monday	May 12, 2008	Jo'Burg/Lewiston	A	4:30	3:00
Tuesday	May 13, 2008	Elk Rapids	A	4:30	2:15
Friday	May 16, 2008	Houghton Lake	A	4:00	3:00
Monday	May 19, 2008	Roscommon	H	4:30	
Tuesday	May 20, 2008	Alpena	A	4:30	1:15
Thursday	May 22, 2008	Gladwin	H	4:30	
Wednesday	May 27, 2008	League make-up			

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Day	Date	Opponent
Friday	April 11, 2008	Kalkaska
Tuesday	April 15, 2008	Boyne City
Friday	April 18, 2008	East Jordan
Tuesday	April 22, 2008	Harbor Springs
Wednesday	April 23, 2008	Ogemaw Heights
Thursday	April 24, 2008	Gaylord
Thursday	April 29, 2008	Traverse City St. F
Thursday	May 1, 2008	Tawas
Tuesday	May 6, 2008	Charlevoix
Thursday	May 8, 2008	Lincoln Alcona
Tuesday	May 13, 2008	Elk Rapids
Friday	May 16, 2008	Houghton Lake
Monday	May 19, 2008	Roscommon
Wednesday	May 27, 2008	League make-up

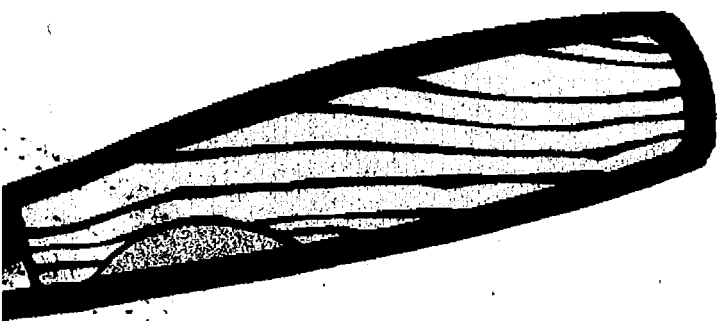
Boys Golf

Day	Event Date	Bus Opponent	H/A	Time	Time
Monday	April 7, 2008	Cheboygan Invitational	A	1:00	No Bus
Monday	April 21, 2008	League Meet @Boyne City	A	1:30	No Bus
Wednesday	April 23, 2008	League Meet @Charlevoix (Municipal)	A	4:30	No Bus
Friday	April 25, 2008	Farwell Invitational	A	9:00	No Bus
Monday	April 28, 2008	League Meet @East Jordan (Mallard)	A	4:30	No Bus
Thursday	May 1, 2008	Grayling Invitational	H	9:00	
Tuesday	May 6, 2008	League Meet @Harbor Springs	A	1:30	No Bus
Wednesday	May 7, 2008	Charlevoix Invitational (Belvedere)	A	1:00	No Bus
Thursday	May 8, 2008	Ogemaw Invitational	A	10:00	No Bus
Saturday	May 10, 2008	Gladwin Invitational	A	9:30	No Bus
Monday	May 12, 2008	League Meet @TCSF	A	1:30	No Bus
Friday	May 16, 2008	LMC Meet @Elk Rapids	A	1:00	No Bus
Thursday	May 22, 2008	Districts	TBA	TBA	No Bus
Thursday	May 29, 2008	Regionals	TBA	TBA	No Bus
Friday	June 6, 2008	State Finals	TBA	TBA	No Bus



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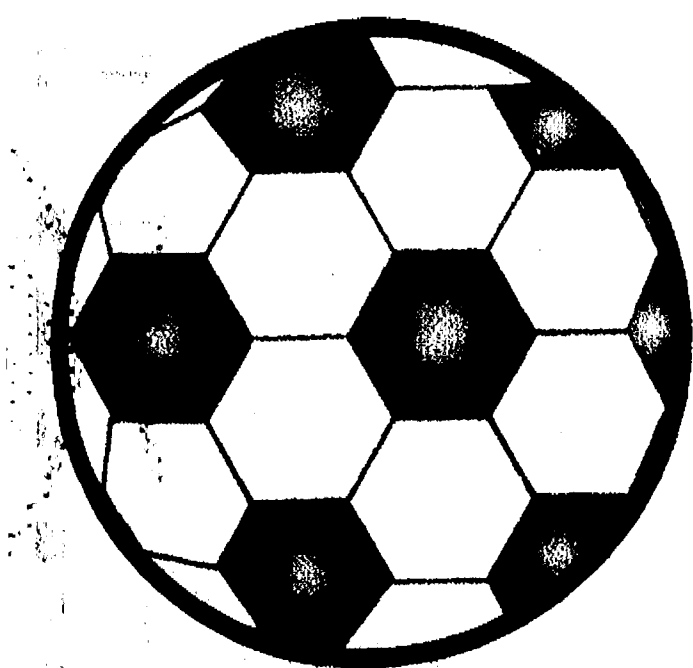


Softball

	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
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	A	4:00	TBA
	H	4:30	
	A	4:30	2:30
	H	4:30	
	H	4:30	
	A	4:00	2:15
Sterling Tournament	A	9:30	TBA
City St. Francis	A	4:30	2:30
Tournament	A	8:45	TBA
ix	A	4:30	2:15
lcona	A	4:30	2:15
Tournament	H	TBA	
ewison	H	4:30	
ds	H	4:30	
Lake	H	4:30	
on	A	4:00	3:00
Day	TBA	TBA	TBA

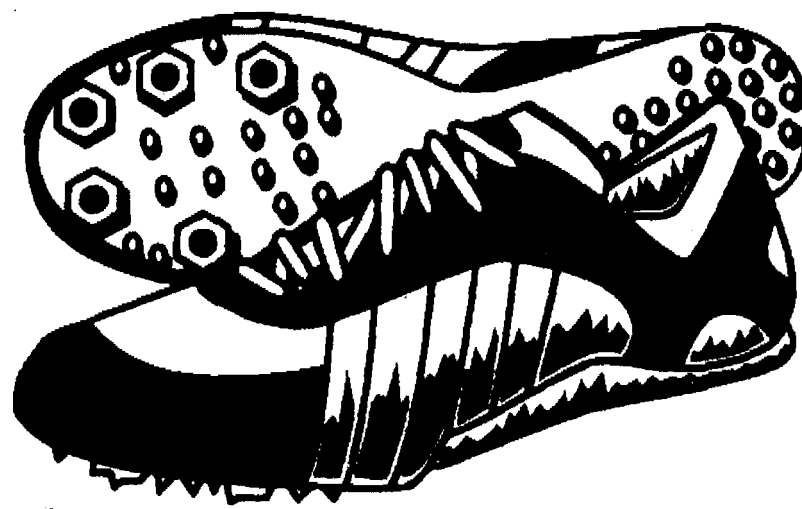
Varsity fball

	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
	H	4:30	
	A	4:30	2:45
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	A	4:30	2:00
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	H	4:30	
City St. Francis	H	4:30	
	H	4:30	
	H	4:30	
	H	4:30	
	A	4:30	2:15
	A	4:00	3:00
	H	4:30	
ake-up	TBA	TBA	



Varsity Track

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Friday	April 11, 2008	Ogemaw Invitational	A	4:00	TBA
Monday	April 14, 2008	East Jordan/TCSF/Kalkaska/Elk Rapids	A	4:00	2:00
Friday	April 18, 2008	SVSU Invitational	A	9:00	TBA
Monday	April 21, 2008	Charlevoix/Elk Rapids/Harbor Springs	A	4:00	1:30
Friday	April 25, 2008	Garner Relays@ Harrison	A	3:00	1:00
Friday	May 2, 2008	Cheboygan Invitational	A	4:00	TBA
Monday	May 5, 2008	TCSF/Charlevoix/Boyne City @Middle School	A	4:00	2:00
Thursday	May 8, 2008	East Jordan Invitationa	A	3:00	1:00
Saturday	May 17, 2008	Regionals	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	May 21, 2008	LMC Champions @ Charlevoix	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	May 27, 2008	Gaylord Herald Times Meet of Champions	A	5:30	TBA



Middle School Track

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	April 17, 2008	League Jam @ East Jordan	A	4:30	2:30
Friday	April 25, 2008	Houghton Lake Resorter	A	4:00	2:45
Thursday	May 8, 2008	Elk Rapids/Traverse City/Kalkaska	A	4:00	1:45
Monday	May 12, 2008	East Jordan Relays	A	4:00	2:00
Thursday	May 15, 2008	LMC Championship @ Kalkaska	A	4:00	2:30

Varsity Girls Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	April 8, 2008	Kalkaska	H	5:00	
Thursday	April 10, 2008	Boyne City	A	5:00	3:15
Friday	April 11, 2008	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:45
Monday	April 14, 2008	Charlevoix	A	5:00	2:45
Tuesday	April 15, 2008	Burt Lake	A	5:00	TBA
Thursday	April 17, 2008	East Jordan	A	5:00	3:15
Monday	April 21, 2008	Elk Rapids	H	5:00	
Thursday	April 24, 2008	Harbor Springs	H	5:00	
Monday	April 28, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	A	5:00	3:15
Tuesday	April 29, 2008	Houghton Lake	H	5:00	
Thursday	May 1, 2008	Kalkaska	A	5:00	3:45
Monday	May 5, 2008	Boyne City	H	5:00	
Thursday	May 8, 2008	Charlevoix	H	5:00	
Monday	May 12, 2008	East Jordan	H	5:00	
Thursday	May 15, 2008	Elk Rapids	A	5:00	3:15
Monday	May 19, 2008	Harbor Springs	A	5:00	2:45
Tuesday	May 20, 2008	Burt Lake	H	5:00	
Thursday	May 22, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	H	5:00	

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by LLOYD BERRY SR. as Mortgagor, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated June 6, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on June 29, 2006, in Liber 682 at Page 176, and upon which Mortgage is claimed be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$49,995.38, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 West Michigan in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.490 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan described as follows: Lot 111 Grayling Mobile Estates #3, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

Subject to restrictions, reservations, easement, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 12, 2008
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney For Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
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(989) 893-9511

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Hoppe, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2005, and recorded on October 17, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 916, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by meane assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-

FF1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three And 43/100 Dollars (\$103,743.43), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 165, Ausable Woods No. 5, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 27, 2008
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth Wallace, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2004, and recorded on June 11, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 982, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 45/100 Dollars (\$93,229.45), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 32, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph H. Balagna and Christina Balagna, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006, and recorded on July 31, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 593, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Fourteen And 67/100 Dollars (\$64,014.67), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 68 of AuSable Woods No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 13, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vivian Balmes and Gerald Balmes, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2004, and recorded on December 15, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 911, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Nineteen And 88/100 Dollars (\$121,119.88), including interest at 6.44% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being Lot Number 31 and Lot Number 32, in Skyline Heights, as shown in the recorded plat/map thereof in Liber 3, Page 32 of Crawford County Records

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Dated: March 13, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Dankert and Julie E. Dankert, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2005, and recorded on March 4, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 37, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Thirty-Two And 38/100 Dollars (\$99,032.38), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 186, Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #129540F02

-3-10-17-24

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas R. White and Vickie White, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2006 and recorded May 11, 2006 in Liber 681, Page 457, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 51/100 Dollars (\$99,964.51) including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 16, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North three-quarters of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, lying East of the M.C.R.R. Right-of-Way. Being the same property conveyed to Douglas R. White and Vickie White, husband and wife by Deed dated 10-7-04 and recorded 10-7-04 in Deed Book 671, Page 859, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days

from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 13, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.4677
-13-20-27-3

MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GLEN R. CARLSON, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 16, 2003, in Liber 639, on Page 184, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$31,679.12), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan. at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 30, 2008

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as:
THE NORTH 1 / 2 OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE EAST 1 / 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1 / 4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST.
-27-3-10-17

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Debra J. Reynolds, a/k/a Debra Jean Reynolds, a single woman, mortgagor, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 9, 2006, and was recorded on March 10, 2006, in Liber 680, page 146, of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$32,114.22, including interest at 9.50% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the South section line of Section 32, T25N, R1W, and being 1091.00 feet West of the South 1/4 post of said Section 32, thence N 86°40' W, 200.00 feet along the South section line; thence N 00°51'30" W, 149.00 feet (recorded) 179.1 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the Southerly Right-of-Way line of Highway M-144 (now M-18); thence Northwesterly 210.46 feet (recorded) Northeasterly 208.6 feet (measured) along said Right-of-Way line; thence S 00°51'30" E, 254.60 feet (recorded) 254.5 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the place

of beginning, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 32.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: March 13, 2008
By:
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank,
Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

-20-27-3-10

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by AARON S. BLAINE a/k/a AARON BLAINE and JOANNE D. BLAINE, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2007, and recorded February 9, 2007, in Liber 685, Page 252, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$28,109.74), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 5: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 370 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 6: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 185 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 7: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North along the East line 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with the right of access across adjoining land from the West, along the South side of subject properties, for ingress and egress from Kolka Creek Road into above described properties, and as identified in Easement of Property recorded in Liber 685, Page 30, Crawford County Records.

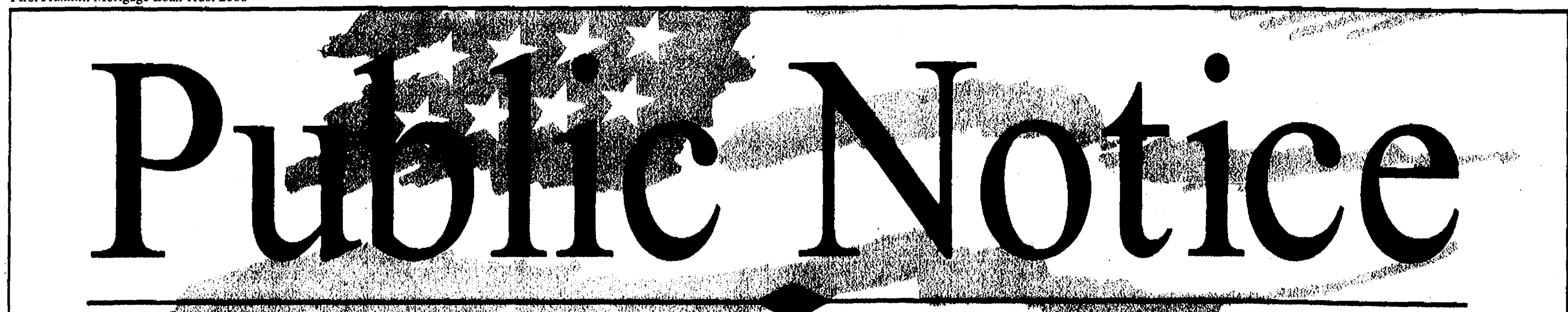
Commonly known as Vacant Land N. Kolka Creek Rd., Frederic, MI 49733
Tax ID: 031-023-011-200-00, 031-023-011-220-00, 031-023-011-240-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.


Dated: March 17, 2008

First National Bank of America
Mortgagee
By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 586-1200

-27-3-10-17




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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 5, 1962 - Different professions are represented by these Grayling guests at the Georgian Terrace on Florida's Treasure Island. Top row, from L to R: A.J. (Bud) Sorenson, funeral director; John Alef, president of a Grayling bank; Roy Baringer, proprietor of men's stores in Grayling and Midland; Dr. J.F. Cook, dentist; Charles E. Moore, attorney; and Dr. Leonard Allison, fish pathologist with the Michigan Conservation Department. Second row, L to R: the wives Ina Cook, Isabelle Allison, Doris Sorenson and Gloria Alef. At the sides are John Alef, 8, and Jimmy Alef, 7, while Mary Alef, 3, and her brother Danny Alef, 2, hold the welcome sign.

23 Years Ago
April 4, 1985

The Grayling City Police and the FBI, with help from the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory, are investigating a theft of a large sum of money, less than \$50,000, from Chemical

Bank North of Grayling. Grayling Police Chief Pete Stephan said the theft took place after the bank closed on Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. and before 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, when the money was discovered missing by bank employees

preparing to open.

Crawford County's first Equalization Director, Larry Hunter, will be leaving the county post after 19 years. After April 15, Hunter will be a field claim representative for Farm Bureau Insurance, covering Crawford and five other counties. Hunter established the county's equalization office in May 1966, after he finished an extensive 42-week property tax administrative and appraising course from Michigan Technology University.

The National Honor Society at Grayling High School inducted 20 new members on March 18. The new members are Jeff Martinez, Kim Cole, Vicki Luther, Char Wodecki, Robin Sellers, Kathy Allen, Stephanie Hindmarsh, Barb Fitzgerald, Scott Trudeau, Lexis Wegner, Wendy Pittman, Jon Olson, Teresa Lehto, Sarah Bacon, Ken Erb, Peter Huss, Alan Johnson, Shauna Ryan, Laura Grudzien and Mary Varty.

Students, representing Grayling Middle School in the 10th annual Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics competition at Kirtland Community College, were Danielle Waldorf, Todd Laitinen, Marguerita Perez, Ryan Hindmarsh, Tracy Schanz, Mike Tremblay, Melanie Ojala and Donn Broeker.

46 Years Ago
April 5, 1962

Al and Jessie's Cafe, formerly Hanson's Cafe, reopened their doors Monday morning after

being closed for some time this past winter for a complete remodeling.

Items on sale this week at the Black and White are 2 dozen large eggs for 89¢, ranch style bacon 2 lbs. for 98¢ and with a \$10 purchase you get a free theatre ticket.

69 Years Ago
April 6, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mortenson, of Beaver Creek, made a hurried trip to Ann Arbor Saturday with their little daughter, who had swallowed an open safety pin that morning. The pin was removed and she returned home Tuesday feeling much better.

William LaGrow has gone back to work for the Nehi Bottling Company while his place at the Rialto Theatre is being filled by Byron Randolph.

92 Years Ago
April 6, 1916

A freak lamb was born at the Charles Corwin farm near Pere Cheney last week. It had two heads and only lived a short time.

A shingling bee was given to J. McCormick, by a dozen of his friends, assisting him in the shingling of his cottage located on the farm he recently purchased from T.F. Morris.

Leo Schram is the new clerk at DeWaele and Son grocery.

J. Vance shipped a can of cream from Lovells to the Saginaw Creamery. This is the first shipment of this kind made from Lovells.

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 9.51)

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WORD FIND

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



English Muffins with Pears and Peanut Butter

1 English muffin (plain or cinna- 2 teaspoons honey
mon raisin) 2 canned pear halves

2 tablespoons peanut butter

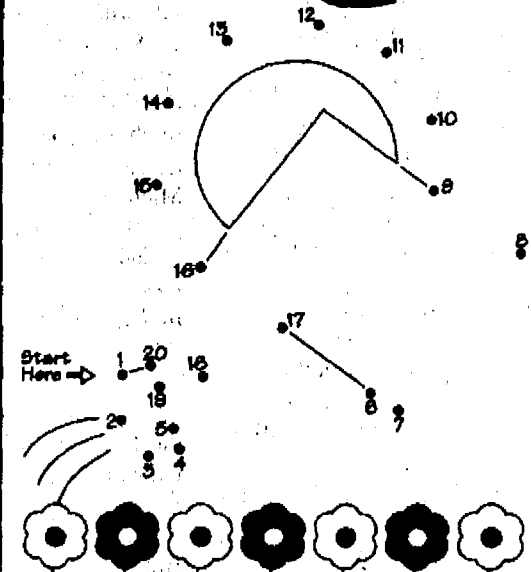
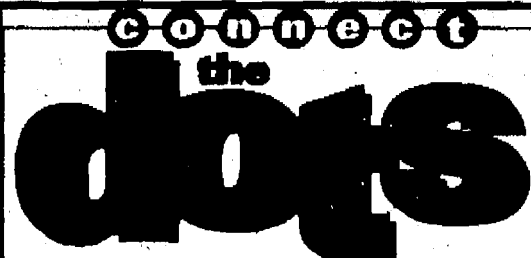
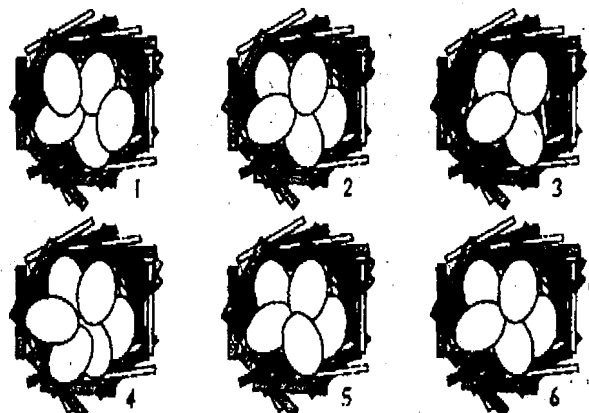
Split muffin and toast. Spread each half with 1 tablespoon peanut butter. Drizzle each with 1 teaspoon honey. Slice pear halves and arrange slices on top.

Makes 2 Servings



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ADOPT A PET



Mayhem

Mayhem is a beautiful long haired black cat. She is quiet and careful. She needs a safe, loving home with someone willing to give her a bit of time to trust him or her. She is sweet, but needs a bit of confidence.

Elroy

Elroy is a wonderful 7 month old mixed breed dog. He is fun and friendly and easy going. This guy is addicted to soccer balls and has actually gone through a couple in the past couple of weeks (hint, we need soccer balls). Elroy will require a bit of training but has a wonderful disposition.



The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on

Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 3, 2008



December 22- January 19

Your motto for this week, Capricorn, is ask and you shall receive. Whatever your needs, they will be granted with one simple request. A phone call is finally returned.



March 21- April 19

Ah, Aries. Relationships at home grow stronger as you take the bull by the horns and tackle problems head on. A coworker bows you over with their idea.



June 22- July 22

Uh-uh, Cancer. The ends do not always justify the means. Make sure your pursuit of success does not consume your life and harm a valuable relationship.



September 23- October 22

You can be too rigid at times, Libra, and it is imperative that you cut loose every now and then and have some fun. Go ahead, be daring and try something you wouldn't normally do.



January 20- February 18

Friend getting on the defensive? Be there for them, Aquarius. Show them that no one is out to get them and remind them how easy it is to just be happy.



April 20- May 20

Wake up, Taurus. You've been taken for granted one too many times, and the opportunity to let others know how important you are is here.



July 23- August 22

Snap out of it, Leo. You've played the martyr long enough. Time to splurge a little and indulge in some of life's pleasures. You deserve it after the feat you pulled off.



October 23- November 21

Family member getting too big for their britches? Ignore them, Scorpio. They will come to their senses soon enough. A flirty friend deserves some pampering.



February 19- March 20

You can be quite the charmer, Pisces, and the time has come to turn up the heat and win over the critics at work. A note at home is not cause for concern.



May 21- June 21

Finally, Gemini. A loved one receives a promotion. Get out the champagne and party hats, and whip up a little celebration in their honor.



August 23- September 22

Oh boy, Virgo. Squabbles over money continue. Professional help may be the answer. A relative's tone of voice says it all at an event. Duck out gracefully before chaos ensues.



November 22- December 21

The theme of this week, Sagittarius, is romance. Make sure that special someone knows how much you care. A trip down memory lane makes for awesome inspiration.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Snow Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
3/25	33	-6	1/4							
3/26	42	23	4							
3/27	42	23	0	High 49	High 50	High 46	High 48	High 48	High 48	
3/28	35	17	0	Low 49	Low 50	Low 46	Low 48	Low 48	Low 48	
3/29	35	8	0	26	28	26	27	26	32	
3/30	41	11	0	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Snow Showers	
3/31	42	26	0							

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

RIVERFRONT HOME - 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, great views! Walkout basement has family room/fireplace w/wood insert, 2 bedroom (office, den?) laundry, storage. 2-car attached. Lg. pole bldg., 348-8524. (3/20/08tf/1)



Beautiful sunsets can be yours on 53 feet of east shore Lake Margrethe frontage with a 360 foot deep lot. Two bedrooms, one bath and a 2 car garage. Cement patio between house and garage is 13 x 13. #5872 \$349,000

Call
Pete Kocenas
Century 21
 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
 989-344-1800
 Grayling

1. Real Estate

BUY THIS 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1200 sq. ft. modular home currently located in Kalkaska County, Blue Lake Township and move it to the site of your choice. Perfect for the recreationist as a get away for snowmobiling, fishing, golf, and all activities that Northern Michigan can provide. This is a quality built home, meeting all of the highest codes and standards. Includes all appliances and a two-car garage. A must see! The price is right. 231-587-4883. (-3-10-17/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

1. Real Estate

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2 x6, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with private access to mainstream AuSable, 5 miles east of Grayling, \$109,000. 348-4840. (-20-27-3-10/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities: Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

3 BEDROOM CHALET 1 1/2 baths, fully furnished, 2 car garage, \$525 + utilities + security deposit. References required. Warblers Hideaway, 2704 Lovells Rd. 989-348-4950 or 989-344-6001. (-27-3/2)

AVAILABLE COZY SMALL HOUSE near town. 2 bedroom 1 bath, washer/dryer hook up. Nonsmoking, no pets, \$450 per month 989-390-2908. (02/14/08tf/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (02/21/08tf/2)

LOG HOME, beautiful large secluded on East Branch surrounded by Hartwick Pines. \$700 month, available end of May. 563-370-5104. (-20-27-3-10-17-24/2)

3 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, large living room plus garage. With appliances, clean, \$450 mo. plus \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Frederic 989-619-4638. (-27-3/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE with garage, washer/dryer, and appliances. \$450 per month plus deposit. No pets, 348-2418. (-27-3-10-17/2)

MOBILE HOME AND CABIN at Lost Acres, 1 room cabin #1 \$275, includes utilities. 11010 N. Old 27; 2 bedroom mobile home, \$375, plus utilities. New paint, carpet, windows 11006 N. Old Us 27, No pets allowed. 877-227-6976. (4/3/2008tf/2)

FOR RENT. Large studio apartment, no pets. Includes heat, electric, cable TV, garbage and snow removal, \$425 a month, 348-2137. (-3-10-17/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT, beautifully furnished, large 2/3 bedroom lower level apartment in town, \$550 per month. This includes garage, garbage pickup, lawn care, snow removal, cable, heat, and electric. No smoking, no pets. Security deposit required, plus references. Please call 348-6400, ask for Gayle. (-3-10/2)

DRIVER TRAINEES needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained locally for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-568-7364. (-3-10-17-24-1/3)

HOUSE ADVOCATE, River House, Inc. is seeking candidates for a full time House Advocate position. The primary responsibilities of the House Advocate are the support of shelter residents, answering the crisis line, and performing general cleaning. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. High school diploma or equivalent is required. Human service experience and computer skills are preferred. House Advocates work three 12-hour shifts per week which are evenings, nights and weekends. Position includes Holiday coverage. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org. Fax 989-348-0485. Phone 989-348-0570. (-13-20-27-3/3)

TRUSTWORTHY PERSON with knowledge of light equipment and boat and jet ski use. Call Prosource Rent-All 989-731-9988. (-27-3/3)

DRIVERS NEEDED Must be 21 or older with clear driver record. Pay ranges from \$300 to \$800 weekly. Independent contractor/applicants must have own a full size or extended cargo van. Work out of Grayling 5 days a week. Call 888-336-7205 after 10:00 a.m. -3-10/3

WANTED, Journeyman electrician. Send resume to P.O. Box 672, Mio, MI 48647. (-3-10-17/2)

3. Employment

CASUAL HOUSE ADVOCATE, River House, Inc. Do you have a flexible schedule but do not require full-time employment? This rewarding position may be for you. River House, Inc. is seeking candidates for casual work. The primary responsibilities of the House Advocate are the support of shelter residents, answering the crisis line, and performing general cleaning. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. High school diploma or equivalent is required. Human service experience and computer skills are preferred. House Advocates work alone on 12-hour night and weekend shifts. Casuals also work on holidays. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org. Fax 989-348-0485. Phone 989-348-0570. (-13-20-27-3/3)

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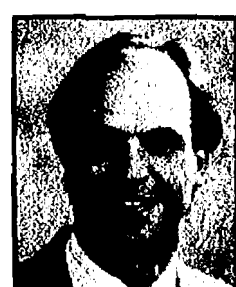
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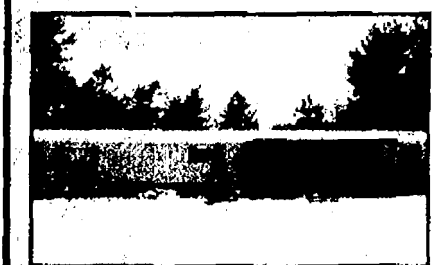


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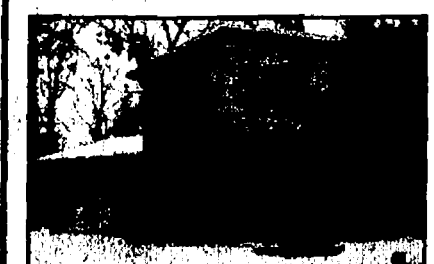
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QUALITY BUILT RIVERFRONT HOME WITH 3 B/R, 2 full ceramic tile baths with real fieldstone gas fireplace, open stair case with oak railing and oak treads. Two bow windows, recessed lighting, two upstairs dormers and custom kitchen with all appliances. 2x6 sidewalls with wet-set insulation, 5 block crawl in double insulated. Finished garage with concrete driveway 22' wide. Landscaped yard with 350 Colorado Spruce Trees. CH-2664 \$209,000



THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT OR RETIREMENT HOME. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, clean home with new roof on home and garage, newer carpet, linoleum and kitchen sink. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. One car garage with plenty of storage area. Large back yard. Move in condition. Close to schools, library, hospital, & shopping. CH-2492 \$69,900

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Many possibilities for this prime located property in downtown Grayling. Professional office space with room for 4 offices plus meeting room or retail. Newly remodeled in 2007 and wheelchair accessible. #5964 \$139,900

REDUCED

Cozy, energy efficient three bedroom, 1 and 1/2 bath home in friendly neighborhood! Full basement, large deck w/ seating in large fenced-in backyard. Oak cabinets in kitchen & brick gas fireplace in living room. #5913 \$66,900

REDUCED

Absolutely River front home on 10 acres. Large spacious ranch lands great views of the river and wild life. 25 x 27 master suite has jacuzzi and fireplace. Open kitchen/living area w/ fireplace. Gazebo, 2 car garage w/ 30 x 34 office/workshop and 2nd floor. #5653 \$225,000

2,000 sq. ft. of well maintained living space offers 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room w/ vaulted ceilings, family room, 2 car garage, paved driveway, extensive decking! All the amenities of Guthrie Lakes: club house, pool, sauna, lake access, boat & bike rental. #5936 \$106,800

Great location! This home is only 4-years old and looks brand new. Home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central air, open floor plan and a 2 car detached garage. #5795 \$45,000

2 acre parcel on the corner of Chase Bridge and Diamond. This 2 bedroom cabin is clean as a whistle and comes furnished...what you see is what you get. Large loft area with 4 beds for all the company! It even has a one car garage. #5711 \$57,500

Very nice and clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath home only 6 years old in the city of Grayling. Close to everything you need for comfortable city living. Fenced in back yard and a nice concrete driveway. #5770 \$65,000

Crispy clean & like new! Chalet home, built in 2001, offers a bright open interior with cathedral ceilings and a very pretty, brick fireplace. Situated on a nicely wooded parcel, offering that up-north feel right down to the camp fire pit. #5905 \$87,900

Commercial Frontage Of modest Price! 200' of frontage across from the Ole Barn Parcel is 200 x 93' could be a perfect place for an insurance company or other business seeking high traffic. Catch all of M-72 & M-93 traffic from this location! #5921 \$69,500

20 acres of property! This mobile home offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Property has shed and 2nd trailer. All this located in the Lovells area. #5651 \$65,000

COMMERCIAL

PIZZA...PIZZA...PIZZA. Here is a nice 1600 sq. ft. shop that was formerly a pizza business, but could be used for a number of businesses. Excellent condition inside & out just waiting patiently for a new owner. High traffic business. #5994 \$130,000

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COUNSELOR- part-time outpatient substance abuse/mental health counselor for the Gaylord office. MSW/MA with license required as well as substance abuse counseling experience. Interested candidates submit a letter of interest and resume to Nancy Morgridge, Catholic Human Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1610, Gaylord, MI 49734 or e-mail at nmorgridge@catholic-humanservices.org. (-3-10/3)

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Nursing Assistant Training Class- We will be holding a new training class in April. If you are interested in possible employment at Grayling Nursing And Rehab and looking to start a new career, apply today. Apply in person at 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling.

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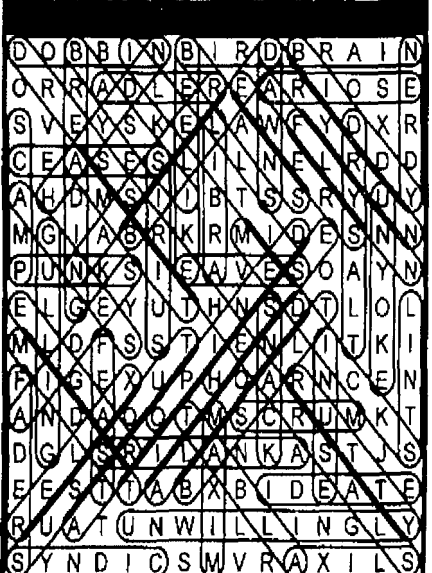
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Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.51)

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FREE ESTIMATES - Interior painting now or exterior painting summer 2008. Call Ross Painting Co. 989-348-2468. (-20-27-3-10/4)

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CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR5/22/08/5)

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BEAUTIFUL, white, satin wedding dress, size 26, retailed \$700 selling for \$350 OBO. Beaded with cut-work on bottom and train. Short sleeves, no special undergarments needed. 348-4320 ask for Janet. (-3-10/5)

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SPRINGER SPANIEL 2 year-old, purebred, black and white with AKC papers. Is house and kennel trained. Kennel and shot records included. Must have room to run. Very loyal and lovable, very trainable for hunting, \$300 OBO. Please call 989-619-0486 or 989-619-0146. (-3-10-17/5)

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GENTLY USED BOOKS for the Crawford County Library book sale, July 24 & 25. Please drop off at the library during regular hours. Call 348-9214 if any questions. (4/3/08t/f/6)

WANTED: Jogging stroller, good condition, Lisa 348-7696. (-3/6)

Miscellaneous

FREE TO GOOD HOME. Beautiful 1 1/2 year old male cat. Great pet. Good with other cats and children. Please call 989-390-6729. (-3/7)

Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07t/f/8)

MOVING AUCTION! Apr. 5, 10 a.m., Mio. Furniture; stove; frig; household; collectibles; jewelry; glass; pottery; tools; riding mower; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction Company (989) 848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-3/8)

SWISS STEAK DINNER Michelson Methodist Church, Thurs., April 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Adults \$8. Takeouts available. (-3-10/8)

HALL FOR RENT. American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. All occasions. Contact manager 348-7232. (-6-20-3-17-1-15/8)

SPRING SPECIAL- foils for \$40, haircuts for \$10, perms for \$40 (up to med. length). Mention this ad when making an appointment. Call Heads Up North at 989-348-7890 for details. (-20-27-3/8)

GRAYLING NURSING AND REHABILITATION community is accepting bids for lawn care contracts for the 2008 season. You may stop at the facility to pick up the contract form at 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. (-27-3/8)

COMING SOON The Gumdrop Kids Shop Consignment at 600 N. James St., on the side of Fabrics & More. Now taking kids apparel, toys, cribs, bedding, and anything to do with infants thru elementary. By appt. call 989-344-2333. (-27-3/8)

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SUMTER, SC. SCHOOL DISTRICT Two Teacher Recruitment Fair, Saturday, April 19, 2008, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Sumter School District Two Administrative Office, 1345 Wilson Hall Rd., Sumter, SC 29150. Please call (803) 469-6900, ext. 209, no later than April 15 for an interview time. Positions available in the elementary, middle and high schools. PACE certified teachers welcome.

MULTI MEDIA SALES: The Michigan Press Association is looking for a multi-media sales professional (with a print and internet focus) for

Announcements

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AUCTION, SATURDAY, APRIL 5th, 4 p.m. sharp, 3 p.m. preview. 609 Norway, Grayling. Enter at red door. Items of interest: World War II ration coupons, old post cards, antique and costume jewelry. Large glassware collection to include: Fenton, Carnival, crystal, depression, many boxes lots of glass. Fine furniture, primitives, 33 rpm records. Guns to include: 8 mm Turkish Mauser (1944), Savage model 110 rifle, Cal 300 Winchester mag with Tasco scope, CA LIAI Sporter FAL rifle Cal 308. Sale by: Julie Auction & Appraisal Service, Sandra Pendygraft CAGA. E-mail or call for questions or directions: Auctiongal48@yahoo.com, or 989-390-7920. See you at the auction! Additional parking behind old Chief Shoppenagon's Hotel, Michigan Ave. & Norway. (-3/8)

Personals

ADOPT: Happily married couple wishes to adopt newborn. Endless love, promising future, private, expenses paid. Patti & Peter toll free 1-888-683-9166. (LR5/10/08/9)

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